

Senate Bill 341

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others

AS PASSED

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to revise committee
2 names; to repeal provisions relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers,
3 commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies and certain procedures
4 of the General Assembly; to make conforming changes throughout the Code; to revise certain
5 provisions relating to the Legislative Services Committee; to revise provisions related to
6 judicial continuances and stays related to the General Assembly; to revise provisions relating
7 to the legislative fiscal office's scope of authority; to provide for related matters; to provide
8 for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **PART I**

11 *Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Name Correction*

12 **SECTION 1-1.**

13 Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended by
14 revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 2-10-53.1, relating to oversight by
15 legislative advisory committee, membership, duties, and expiration, as follows:

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"(1) The chairpersons of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Economic Development and Tourism and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Agriculture and ~~Consumer Affairs~~ Natural Resources or their designees, ex officio;"

PART II

Senate Committee Name Correction

SECTION 2-1.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended by revising Code Section 10-9-20, relating to Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority Overview Committee created, composition, officers, and duties, as follows:

"10-9-20.

There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority Overview Committee to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, five members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, the chairperson of the House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism or his or her designee, and the chairperson of the ~~Senate Economic Development Committee~~ Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism or his or her designee. The members of the committee shall serve two-year terms concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments from the membership of the committee, and the vice chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House from the membership of the committee. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve terms of two years concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly. Vacancies in

an appointed member's position or in the offices of chairperson or vice chairperson of the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. The committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with which the authority is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as provided in this chapter."

PART III

Georgia Education Authority (Schools)

SECTION 3-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Article 11 of Chapter 2, relating to public school property and facilities, by repealing Part 3, relating to the Georgia Education Authority (Schools), and designating said part as reserved.

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-3-152, relating to the Georgia Education Authority (University) creation, members, officers, and staff, quorum, procedural rules and regulations, and assignment to Department of Administrative Services, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The authority shall elect one of its members as ~~chairman~~ chairperson and another as ~~vice-chairman~~ vice chairperson and a secretary and treasurer, who need not necessarily be a member of the authority ~~but who shall be the same as the secretary and treasurer of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools).~~ The majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the authority. The members of the authority shall not be entitled to compensation for their services but shall be entitled to and

shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. ~~The staff of the authority shall be the same as the staff of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools).~~ The authority shall make rules and regulations for its own government. It shall have perpetual existence. Any change in name or composition of the authority shall in no way affect the vested rights of any person under the provisions of this article or impair the obligations of any contracts existing under this article."

SECTION 3-3.

Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is amended in Code Section 29-3-32, relating to investment of funds, by repealing paragraph (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.

SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-32, relating to investment of estate funds by conservator, by repealing paragraph (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.

SECTION 3-5.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by revising Code Section 45-15-13, relating to representation of state authorities by Attorney General, as follows:

"45-15-13.

As used in Code Sections 45-15-14 through 45-15-16, the term 'state authorities' means the following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia Building Authority, ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools)~~, Georgia Education Authority (University), Georgia Highway Authority, Georgia Ports Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Jekyll Island—State Park Authority, Stone Mountain Memorial Association, Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, and Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority."

SECTION 3-6.

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90 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
91 in Code Section 50-17-21, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (9) as follows:

92 "(9) 'State authorities' means the following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia
93 Building Authority, ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools)~~, Georgia Education Authority
94 (University), Georgia Highway Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Georgia
95 Ports Authority, Georgia Development Authority, Jekyll Island—State Park Authority,
96 Stone Mountain Memorial Association, North Georgia Mountains Authority, Lake Lanier
97 Islands Development Authority, Groveland Lake Development Authority, Georgia
98 Higher Education Assistance Authority, the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, and
99 other instrumentalities of the state created by the General Assembly and authorized to
100 issue debt and not specifically exempt from this article."

SECTION 3-7.

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102 Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-17-22, relating to State Financing and
103 Investment Commission, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

104 "(2) There shall be a construction division of the commission administered by a director
105 who shall not be a member of the commission and who shall also serve as the executive
106 secretary for the commission. The director and the staff of the construction division shall
107 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commission, shall provide administrative
108 support for all personnel of the commission, and shall account for and keep all records
109 pertaining to the operation and administration of the commission and its staff. The
110 director, as executive secretary, shall prepare agendas and keep minutes of all meetings
111 of the commission. In construction and construction related matters, the construction
112 division shall act in accordance with the policies, resolutions, and directives of the
113 ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools)~~ and the Georgia Education Authority (University)
114 until such time as such policies, resolutions, or directives are changed or modified by the

commission. In carrying out its responsibilities in connection with the application of any funds under its control, including the proceeds of any debt or any appropriation made directly to it for construction purposes, the commission is specifically authorized to acquire and construct projects for the benefit of any department or agency of the state or to contract with any such department or agency for the acquisition or construction of projects under policies, standards, and operating procedures to be established by the commission; provided, however, that the commission shall contract with the Department of Transportation or the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority or any combination of the foregoing for the supervision of and contracting for design, planning, building, rebuilding, constructing, reconstructing, surfacing, resurfacing, laying out, grading, repairing, improving, widening, straightening, operating, owning, maintaining, leasing, and managing any public roads and bridges for which general obligation debt has been authorized. The construction division also shall perform such construction related services and grant administration services for state agencies and instrumentalities and for local governments, instrumentalities of local governments, and other political subdivisions as may be assigned to the commission or to the construction division by executive order of the Governor."

SECTION 3-8.

Any assets of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024, and any real property held, owned, or under the custody or control of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) shall constitute property as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 50-16-31. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART IV*General Assembly***SECTION 4-1.**

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by repealing Code Section 28-1-17, relating to prefiling of proposed bills and resolutions prior to each legislative session and administrative procedure.

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-3-24.1, relating to public distribution of legislative information in electronic format, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives may provide legislative information in electronic format to the GeorgiaNet Division of the Georgia Technology Authority for purposes of public distribution as provided in Code Section 50-25-14. The information may be provided on at least a daily basis in the most current format available. The information provided may include at a minimum: available schedules and agenda for committee meetings; available bill and resolution status information; and full text of all available ~~prefiled~~ and introduced versions of bills and resolutions, including amendments and substitutes. The information provided may include such other matters as will in the determination of the Secretary and the Clerk contribute to the purposes of this Code section. The Georgia Technology Authority shall work with the General Assembly to develop a single ~~Internet site~~ public website for the Georgia General Assembly. The content and the format of the General Assembly ~~Internet site~~ public website shall be determined by the Legislative Services Committee."

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 28-4-3.1, relating to confidentiality of communications between Office of Legislative Counsel and certain persons, as follows:

"28-4-3.1.

Communications between the Office of Legislative Counsel or any individual or office provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1 and the following persons shall be privileged and confidential: members, officers, and staff of the General Assembly, including the Lieutenant Governor President of the Senate, and persons acting on their behalf ~~of such public officers~~; and such communications, and records and work product relating to such communications, shall not be subject to inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or any other law or under judicial process; provided, however, that this privilege shall not apply where it is waived by the affected public officer or officers. The privilege established under this Code section is in addition to any other constitutional, statutory, or common law privilege."

SECTION 4-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 28-4-5, relating to the Attorney General to serve as advisor to legislative counsel, as follows:

"28-4-5.

(a) The Attorney General shall serve as an advisor to the legislative counsel and any individual provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1 and shall represent the General Assembly and its members, officers, or staff upon request of the legislative counsel or any individual provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1 unless there is a legal conflict.

(b) The Department of Administrative Services may provide contract review and drafting services and other services to the General Assembly upon request by the Office of Legislative Counsel or any individual provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1.

187 (c) Any communications, records, and work product relating to such advice,
188 communications, and services provided pursuant to this Code section shall not be subject
189 to inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or any other law or
190 under any judicial process. Such privilege from disclosure shall be in addition to any other
191 constitutional, statutory, or common law privilege."

192 **SECTION 4-5.**

193 Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

194 "28-4-5.1.

195 (a) The Legislative Services Committee may assign to one or more legislative staff
196 members or to an office the duty to provide and oversee the provision of legal services for
197 the legislative branch of government and, with the approval of the committee or the
198 chairperson, to represent the interests of the legislative branch in matters involving
199 litigation and as to legislation that may affect the legislative branch and to perform any
200 other assigned duties.

201 (b) The provisions of this Code section shall not be construed to impair or limit the duties
202 or authority of the legislative counsel or the Office of Legislative Counsel as provided by
203 law."

204 **SECTION 4-6.**

205 Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-4-6, relating to employment, powers, and
206 duties of legislative fiscal officer, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

207 "(b) The legislative fiscal officer is authorized on behalf of the legislative branch to pay
208 any properly authorized invoice which does not exceed \$5,000.00; provided, however, that
209 the legislative fiscal officer shall be authorized to pay any invoice for fees incurred for
210 legal services not to exceed \$12,000.00. Any invoice which exceeds \$5,000.00, or
211 \$12,000.00 for fees incurred for legal services, shall ~~may~~ not be paid by such fiscal officer

212 without prior approval from the committee. The committee may provide for such approval
213 to be given at meetings of the committee, or in writing between meetings by a majority of
214 the members of the committee, or in such other manner as the committee may establish.
215 All invoices shall contain in detail a description of the work performed, materials used or
216 purchased, and any other information pertinent to the obligation. Before the fiscal officer
217 may pay any invoice, a requisition or purchase order covering such invoice and signed by
218 the person or persons authorized by the Legislative Services Committee to do so plus
219 evidence of delivery must have been submitted to the fiscal officer. A list of all invoices
220 which have been paid shall be submitted by the fiscal officer to the committee on a
221 monthly basis."

222 **SECTION 4-7.**

223 Code Section 9-10-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grounds for
224 continuance and stay — attendance of party or attorney in General Assembly, writing
225 requirement, and considerations, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

226 "(a) A member of the General Assembly who is a party to or the attorney for a party to a
227 case; any member of the Office of Legislative Counsel, including the legislative counsel
228 and persons provided for under subsection (d) of Code Section 28-4-3, appearing on behalf
229 of the General Assembly or any member, officer, or staff thereof in a case; any individual
230 or member of the office provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1, appearing on behalf of the
231 General Assembly or any member, officer, or staff thereof in a case; or any member of the
232 staff of the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
233 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of
234 Representatives, or the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee or Special Judiciary
235 Committee of the Senate or of the Judiciary Committee or Judiciary, Non-civil Committee
236 of the House of Representatives who is the lead counsel for a party to a case pending in any
237 trial or appellate court or before any administrative agency of this state, shall be granted

238 a continuance and stay of the case. The continuance and stay shall apply to all aspects of
239 the case, including, but not limited to, the filing and serving of an answer to a complaint,
240 the making of any discovery or motion, or of any response to any subpoena, discovery, or
241 motion, and appearance at any hearing, trial, or argument. Unless a shorter length of time
242 is requested by the member, the continuance and stay shall last for the seven days prior to
243 the regular or extraordinary session of the General Assembly; the length of any regular or
244 extraordinary session of the General Assembly; during the first three weeks following any
245 recess or adjournment, including an adjournment sine die of any regular or extraordinary
246 session; and the entirety of any day during the calendar year on which a legislative
247 committee for which the member serves or is staff holds a scheduled meeting, the member
248 attends a national legislative conference or board meeting, the member attends a caucus
249 meeting, or the member attends a meeting of a study committee of the General Assembly.
250 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule of court, or administrative rule or
251 regulation, the time for doing any act in the case which is delayed by the continuance
252 provided by this Code section shall be automatically extended by the same length of time
253 as the continuance or stay covered."

254 **SECTION 4-8.**

255 Code Section 17-8-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to party or party's
256 attorney in attendance at General Assembly as grounds for granting continuance, is amended
257 by revising subsection (a) as follows:

258 "(a) A member of the General Assembly who is a party to or the attorney for a party to a
259 case; any member of the Office of Legislative Counsel, including the legislative counsel
260 and persons provided for under subsection (d) of Code Section 28-4-3, appearing on behalf
261 of the General Assembly or any member, officer, or staff thereof in a case; any individual
262 or member of the office provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1, appearing on behalf of the
263 General Assembly or any member, officer, or staff thereof in a case; or any member of the

staff of the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee or Special Judiciary Committee of the Senate or of the Judiciary Committee or Judiciary, Non-civil Committee of the House of Representatives who is the lead counsel for a party to a case pending in any trial or appellate court or before any administrative agency of this state shall be granted a continuance and stay of the case. The continuance and stay shall apply to all aspects of the case, including, but not limited to, the filing and serving of an answer to a complaint, the making of any discovery or motion, or of any response to any subpoena, discovery, or motion, and appearance at any hearing, trial, or argument. Unless a shorter length of time is requested by the member, the continuance and stay shall last for the seven days prior to the regular or extraordinary session of the General Assembly; the length of any regular or extraordinary session of the General Assembly; during the first three weeks following any recess or adjournment, including an adjournment sine die of any regular or extraordinary session; and the entirety of any day during the calendar year on which a legislative committee for which the member serves or is staff holds a scheduled meeting. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule of court, or administrative rule or regulation, and to the extent permitted by the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Georgia, the time for doing any act in the case which is delayed by the continuance or stay provided by this Code section shall be automatically extended by the same length of time as the continuance or stay covered."

PART V

Legislative Services Committee

SECTION 5-1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended in Chapter 4, relating to legislative services, by revising Code Section 28-4-1,

289 relating to the Legislative Services Committee, creation, membership, compensation, and
290 members, as follows:

291 "28-4-1.

292 (a) There is created the Legislative Services Committee, hereinafter called the committee,
293 to be composed of the:

294 (1) Speaker of the House of Representatives,~~the;~~

295 (2) President of the Senate,~~the;~~

296 (3) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate,~~the;~~

297 (4) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Appropriations Committee of the House of
298 Representatives,~~the;~~

299 (5) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate,~~the;~~

300 (6) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives;
301 ~~the;~~

302 (7) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee of the
303 Senate,~~the;~~

304 (8) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of
305 Representatives,~~the;~~

306 (9) President Pro Tempore of the Senate,~~the;~~

307 (10) Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives,~~the;~~

308 (11) Majority ~~majority~~ leader of the Senate,~~the;~~

309 (12) Majority ~~majority~~ leader of the House of Representatives,~~the;~~

310 (13) Minority ~~minority~~ leader of the Senate,~~the;~~

311 (14) Minority ~~minority~~ leader of the House of Representatives,~~the;~~

312 (15) Secretary of the Senate,~~and the;~~ and

313 (16) Clerk of the House of Representatives. ~~The Speaker of the House of~~
314 ~~Representatives shall be chairperson of the committee, and the Secretary of the Senate~~
315 ~~shall be secretary of the committee.~~

316 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
317 Senate shall be cochairpersons; provided, however, that the Speaker of the House of
318 Representatives shall be the presiding chairperson of the committee each odd-numbered
319 year, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be the presiding chairperson of the
320 committee each even-numbered year. The President of the Senate shall at all times serve
321 as the vice chairperson.

322 (c) The Secretary of the Senate shall be secretary of the committee each odd-numbered
323 year and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the secretary of the committee
324 each even-numbered year.

325 ~~(b)~~(d) The members of the committee shall receive no additional allowances for service
326 on the committee while the General Assembly is in session; but, for each day spent in the
327 performance of their duties under this chapter between sessions, the members shall receive
328 the allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees.

329 ~~(c)~~(e) The committee shall meet at least twice during each calendar year. Additional
330 meetings may be held upon the call of the presiding chairperson or upon the call of a
331 majority of the members of the committee. Nine members of the committee shall
332 constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present at a
333 meeting of the committee, provided such members present constitute a quorum, shall be
334 necessary to transact business of the committee. ~~The~~ Every member of the committee
335 including the presiding chairperson shall be entitled to vote on all matters requiring a vote
336 of the committee. In the event that the presiding chairperson for the then-current year is
337 unable to chair a called meeting of the committee, the committee shall be chaired by the
338 other cochairperson."

SECTION 5-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-4-3, relating to Office of Legislative Counsel, creation, qualifications, and powers and duties, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(4) Provide legal services for the legislative branch of government and, with the approval of the committee or the ~~chairman~~ presiding chairperson of such committee, to represent the interests of the legislative branch in matters involving litigation; and"

PART VI*Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee***SECTION 6-1.**

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended by repealing Chapter 10, relating to the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee, and designating said chapter as reserved.

SECTION 6-2.

Any assets of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART VII*Reports of the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination***SECTION 7-1.**

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-53-6, relating to the compiling of reports and public dissemination of data, as follows:

"31-53-6.

(a) The office shall compile reports received from the following boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices pursuant to each such entity's respective statutory reporting requirements:

(1) The Maternal Mortality Review Committee;

~~(2) The Office of Women's Health;~~

~~(3) The Kidney Disease Advisory Committee;~~

~~(4)~~(2) The Hemophilia Advisory Board;

~~(5)~~(3) The Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness;

~~(6)~~(4) The Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council;

~~(7)~~(5) The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission;

~~(8)~~(6) The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council;

~~(9)~~(7) The Department of Public Health on behalf of the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry;

~~(10)~~(8) The Office of Cardiac Care; and

~~(11)~~(9) The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission.

(b) The office shall maintain a website that permits public dissemination of data compiled by the boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices listed in subsection (a) of this Code section."

PART VIII*Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee***SECTION 8-1.**

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended by repealing Code Section 36-91-111, relating to the creation and administration of the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 8-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 36-91-112, relating to model guidelines, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Prior to executing any comprehensive agreement for the development or operation of a qualifying project pursuant to an unsolicited proposal received by a local government under this article, the local government shall adopt either:

(1) ~~The model guidelines from the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee; or~~

(2) ~~Its~~ its own guidelines as a policy, rule, regulation, or ordinance, which shall contain each of the factors identified in subsection (b) of this Code section."

PART IX*Georgia World War I Centennial Commission***SECTION 9-1.**

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by repealing Article 3 of Chapter 13, relating to the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission, and designating said article as reserved.

SECTION 9-2.

Any assets of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART X*State Personnel Oversight Commission***SECTION 10-1.**

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by repealing Chapter 24, relating to the "Governmental Reorganization and Termination from Employment Reform Act of 1977."

SECTION 10-2.

Any assets of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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PART XI

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Small Business Assistance Advisory Council

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SECTION 11-1.

427 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
428 by repealing Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 5, relating to small business assistance, and
429 designating said part as reserved.

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PART XII

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Commission on Regional Planning

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SECTION 12-1.

433 Said title is further amended by repealing Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 8, relating to the
434 Commission on Regional Planning.

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SECTION 12-2.

436 Any assets of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as of June 30, 2024, shall
437 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,
438 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as
439 of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such
440 instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XIII*Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol***SECTION 13-1.**

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by repealing Code Section 50-16-5.1, relating to the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol.

SECTION 13-2.

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

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

SECTION 13-3.

Any assets of the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol existing as of June 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on the Preservation of the

464 State Capitol existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of
465 Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

466 **PART XIV**

467 *Senate Committee Name Correction*

468 **SECTION 14-1.**

469 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
470 by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 50-27-34, relating to the Georgia Lottery
471 Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, as follows:

472 "(a) There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly, the Georgia Lottery
473 Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, to be composed of the members of the
474 House Committee on Regulated Industries and the ~~Senate Economic Development~~
475 ~~Committee~~ Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. The chairpersons
476 of such committees shall serve as cochairpersons of the oversight committee. The
477 oversight committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of the
478 Georgia Lottery Corporation, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with
479 which the ~~authority~~ corporation is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as
480 provided in this chapter. The oversight committee may conduct any independent audit or
481 investigation of the ~~authority~~ corporation it deems necessary."

482 **PART XV**

483 *Effective Dates*

484 **SECTION 15-1.**

485 (a) The provisions of Part V of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

486 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon
487 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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PART XVI

489

General Repealer

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SECTION 16-1.

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