

To: GHDC
 From: GHDC Policy Team
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 Re: **Georgia Laws July 1, 2026 Effective Date**

The table below are the following laws that have gone into effect on July 1, 2026 arranged numerically with the corresponding code title section. Please see below for lengthier descriptions and the associated House and Senate votes.

For a full list of all the legislation that passed during the 2026 regular session, including vetoed legislation and bills already in effect, please refer to [Legislative Counsel's Report](#).

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HB 438	DPS retirement age lowers to 55	47 - Retirement and Pensions
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HB 549	Police training reimbursement	35 - Law enforcement
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HB 956	Expanding use of Solid Waste Trust Fund	12 - Conservation & Nat Res
HB 983	Silviculture prescribed burning requirements	12 - Conservation & Nat Res
HB 985	Hmong Laotian burials in military cemetery	38 - Military
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HB 1128	Compensation for guardians of injured police	45 - Public Officers
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HOUSE BILLS

HB 117, Act 426

Title 26 - Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics

This Act requires restaurants serving foreign-imported shrimp to disclose that on menus or placards.

House Vote: 159-8 (02/11/2026)

Senate Vote:42-8 (02/02/2026)

HB 134, Act 427

Title 48 – Revenue and Taxation

This Act creates income tax credits for certain forestry manufacturing activities, with differing caps for tier 3 and tier 4 counties while renewing or extending the credits requires a two-thirds vote of each legislative chamber.

House Vote: 156-5 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 50-0 (03/31/2026)

HB 141, Act 435

Title 48 – Revenue and Taxation

This Act allows businesses and practitioners to submit CPA affidavits instead of tax returns to local governments for occupation tax determinations.

House Vote: 158-16 (03/03/2025)

Senate Vote: 51-0 (04/02/2026)

HB 162, Act 403

Title 35 – Law Enforcement

This Act revises when First Offender Act records are sealed and requires such records to stay sealed unless the offender's status is revoked.

House Vote: 166-0 (03/23/2026)

Senate Vote: 47-0 (03/12/2026)

HB 165, Act 407

Title 48 – Revenue and Taxation

This Act clarifies requirements for the sales and use tax exemption on manufactured homes and eliminates certain exclusions.

House Vote: 46-0 (03/19/2026)

Senate Vote: 166-3 (03/31/2026)

HB 219, Act 381

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act authorizes licensing boards for counselors, social workers, marriage/family therapists, and nurses to create professional health programs to monitor and rehabilitate impaired healthcare professionals.

House Vote: 168-0 (03/04/2025)

Senate Vote: 46-1 (03/12/2026)

HB 244, Act 437

Title 36 – Local Government

This Act revises annual audit requirements for local governments and allows the withholding of compensation from officials who fail to help counties comply.

House Vote: 151-4 (03/16/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-2 (03/10/2026)

HB 295, Act 713 FLAGGED

Title 36 – Local Government

This Act creates a process for property owners to seek compensation from local governments for property value loss tied to nonenforcement of laws or public nuisances (i.e. for not addressing homelessness), and the basis for the lawsuit would be decreased property value or expenses incurred. This Act adds judicial remedies against sanctuary policy violations.

House Vote: 93-76 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 34-19 (04/03/2026)

HB 304, Act 637

Title 36 – Local Government

This Act establishes the office of senior municipal court judge and sets qualifications for municipal court judges and also creates the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council.

House Vote: 159-2 (03/27/2026)

Senate Vote: 51-0 (03/25/2026)

HB 328, Act 463 FLAGGED

Title 20 - Education

This Act exempts certain special-needs and military-family students from the public school enrollment requirement for scholarship eligibility and raises the annual cap on tax credits for scholarship organization contributions to \$150 million. This money funds private school scholarships for students. All sections except for Section 5 will be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

House Vote: 99-67 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 30-22 (04/02/2026)

HB 350, Act 639

Title 19 - Domestic Relations

This Act expands Georgia's safe-haven newborn law to cover public-safety vehicles, ambulances, and newborn safety devices (including ones with cameras and alarms), and protects people who help a parent surrender a newborn.

House Vote: 164-4 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-1 (04/02/2026)

HB 382, Act 476

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act requires pharmacists to be physically present when supervising pharmacy technicians and raises the pharmacist-to-intern supervisory ratio to 1:6. Also updates definitions related to LSD and psilocybin.

House Vote: 167-0 (03/06/2026)

Senate Vote: 38-10 (03/31/2026)

HB 438, Act 439

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act allows sworn officers in the Department of Public Safety to become eligible for regular retirement benefits at age 55, along with related disability benefit provisions.

House Vote: 159-0 (03/04/2026)

Senate Vote: 52-0 (03/25/2026)

HB 445 — Act 464

Title 48 – Revenue and Taxation

This Act establishes a hearing officer review process for appeals of tax assessments on certain tangible personal property.

House Vote: 171-1 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 52-0 (04/02/2026)

HB 447, Act 627

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act creates new felony offenses for gift-card theft, forgery, and fraud.

House Vote: 168-2 (03/06/2025)

Senate Vote: 49-1 (04/02/2026)

HB 455, Act 714

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act tightens bingo rules: fewer permitted locations and sessions, caps on weekly prize amounts, and limits on compensation for people running games.

House Vote: 149-15 (03/04/2025)

Senate Vote: 38-8 (02/20/2026)

HB 530, Act 383

Title 15 - Courts

This Act requires that state probate courts provide for the electronic filing of pleadings and other related documents in any civil matter and the acceptance of electronic payments by January 1, 2029.

House Vote: 159-0 (03/27/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-0 (03/25/2026)

HB 541, Act 470

Title 20 - Education

This Act expands the definition of the term "approved school" so as to include a qualified proprietary institution of higher education offering a baccalaureate degree program in nursing as

those institutions which are eligible for tuition equalization grants (TEGs).

House Vote: 167-1 (02/18/2026)

Senate Vote: 45-1 (03/20/2026)

HB 549, Act 422

Title 35 – Law Enforcement

This Act limits peace officer training expense reimbursement to specific cost categories and extends the reimbursement claim window from 15 to 36 months.

House Vote: 164-0 (03/05/2025)

Senate Vote: 47-2 (03/27/2026)

HB 651, Act 711

Title 40 – Motor Vehicles

This Act revises warning sign requirements for school zone speed cameras and adds penalties for misuse of automated traffic enforcement devices by local governments.

House Vote: 156-14 (04/03/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-1 (03/25/2026)

HB 659, Act 385

Title 31 - Health

This Act allows GLP-1 drug administration at personal care homes and adds optometrists to certain grant and loan-forgiveness programs.

House Vote: 164-8 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/31/2026)

HB 668, Act 440

Title 30 - Handicapped

This Act adds criminal penalties and restitution for harming or interfering with service dogs, sets training rights and responsibilities, and penalizes fraudulent service-dog claims.

House Vote: 168-0 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 47-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 717, Act 634

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act establishes rules, licensing, and standards for clinics offering psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy, including required hospital affiliation agreements.

House Vote: 153-3 (03/27/2026)

Senate Vote: 50-1 (03/23/2026)

HB 944, Act 420

Title 40 – Motor Vehicles

This Act updates the definition of "present regulations" for motor carrier safety to reference federal rules in effect as of January 1, 2026.

House Vote: 162-4 (02/10/2026)

Senate Vote: 50-0 (03/23/2026)

HB 945

Title 7 Banking and Finance

This Act allows financial institutions to place holds of up to 15 business days on transactions when they suspect financial exploitation of elderly or disabled customers (with notice to a trusted contact), and adds new consumer protections for virtual-currency kiosks (warnings, transaction limits, fraud refund rights).

House Vote: 161-5

Senate Vote: 50-0

HB 946, Act 479

Title 27 - Game and Fish

This Act allows feral-hog trapping without a license (hogs must be killed on capture) and allows locating hogs with drones.

House Vote: 163-1

Senate Vote: 46-0

HB 956, Act 428

Title 12 - Conservation and Natural Resources

This Act allows for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to be used for measures to help implement the provisions of a solid waste management program in the state, particularly regarding permitting, monitoring, regulation or guidance development, inspections, and enforcement.

House Vote: 159-3

Senate Vote: 45-1

HB 983, Act 429

Title 12 - Conservation and Natural Resources

This Act exempts silviculture-related prescribed burning from certain notice/permit requirements and defines "silviculture" as "the science and practice of managing the growth, composition, health, and quality of forests."

House Vote: 162-0 (02/12/2026)

Senate Vote: 51-0 (03/16/2026)

HB 985, Act 441

Title 38 – Military

This Act clarifies eligibility for burial in Georgia veteran cemeteries and adds eligibility for Georgians who served in Hmong Laotian guerrilla units between 1961–1975.

House Vote: 173-0 (02/05/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 986, Act 442

Title 40 – Motor Vehicles

This Act raises the maximum speed for personal delivery devices on sidewalks from 4 to 7 mph and requires an audible warning near pedestrians.

House Vote: 164-3 (02/11/2026)

Senate Vote: 44-2 (03/19/2026)

HB 987, Act 466 FLAGGED

Title 34 – Labor

This Act establishes portable benefit accounts for independent contractors and sets contribution requirements. Companies that hire independent contractors usually cannot help pay for their benefits without risking being treated like the contractor's employer. This Act changes this by letting companies give money to benefit accounts owned by contractors without changing the contractor's legal status. These accounts can be used for things like health insurance, other insurance, and retirement. The goal is to give contractors more access to benefits while still keeping them classified as independent worker

House Vote: 109-53 (02/17/2026)

Senate Vote: 44-1 (03/20/2026)

HB 998, Act 636

Title 46 – Public Utilities

This Act allows certain Tier 2 local exchange companies to elect rate-of-return regulation and extends Universal Access Fund distribution periods, capped at \$50 million.

House Vote: 161-2 (02/12/2026)

Senate Vote: 50-2 (03/18/2026)

HB 999, Act 707

Title 15 - Courts

This Act raises magistrate courts' civil jurisdiction from \$15,000 to \$25,000, adjusts fee-collection rules, and fixes a drafting error in last year's magistrate-election law. (Section 3 delayed to January 1, 2027.)

House Vote: 167-0 (03/23/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-1 (04/02/2026)

HB 1015, Act 386

Title 34 – Labor

This Act increases the maximum funding assessment and minimum trigger threshold for the Self-insurers Guaranty Trust Fund.

House Vote: 165-3 (02/10/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-1 (03/31/2026)

HB 1020, Act 716 FLAGGED

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act enacts the "District Attorney Compensation Reform Act," creating a new state-set salary structure for district attorneys and revised retirement calculations. This Act explains who the rule applies to, including people who joined the retirement system between July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2026, and anyone who joins on or after July 1, 2026. Members who join on or after July 1, 2026 earn retirement benefits after 10 years of service and must be at least 60 years old, with higher benefits for those who work 16 years or more. How much someone receives depends on their age and years of service, and the retirement board can change rules to meet federal tax laws.

House Vote: 100-55 (03/25/2026)

Senate Vote: 32-19 (03/25/2026)

HB 1024, Act 480

Title 44 – Property

This Act increases the bankruptcy homestead exemption amount for a debtor's residence or burial plot, with future inflation adjustments starting in 2031.

House Vote: 170-0 (02/25/2026)

Senate Vote: 51-0 (03/23/2026)

HB 1030, Act 394

Title 20 - Education

The Act sets new math-instruction requirements: minimum instructional time in grades 4–5, advanced-course standards with automatic enrollment for grades 8–10, and new teacher-training standards.

House Vote: 158-0 (03/27/2026)

Senate Vote: 51-0 (03/23/2026)

HB 1075, Act 717 FLAGGED

Title 17 - Criminal Procedure

This Act makes a fourth (or later) qualifying misdemeanor within a 10-year period a felony, punishable by 1–10 years. This Act essentially targets the homeless population. They are MANY homeless people who are frequently arrested for low-level nuisance misdemeanors and who receive far more than 4 misdemeanors within a 10-year period. This bill does NOTHING to help those people, or to address the underlying reasons why a person would need to commit these crimes or reduce recidivism rates. Instead, it adds to their punishment, as though the homeless simply need harsher penalties and they will apparently pull themselves up by their bootstraps.

House Vote: 138-32 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 47-0 (03/31/2026)

HB 1086, Act 443

Title 25 - Fire Protection and Safety

This Act requires buildings using light-frame truss or engineered I-joist construction to post notice of that fact, enforced by fire marshals.

House Vote: 161-0 (02/20/2026)

Senate Vote: 45-0 (03/20/2026)

HB 1096, Act 481

Title 31 - Health

This Act provides that certain employees of a county board of health who become employees of the Department of Public Health will retain seniority for accrued annual and sick leave. The Act prohibits the county board of health from paying an employee accrued leave when transitioning to state employment.

House Vote: 165-0 (02/18/2026)

Senate Vote: 50-0 (03/23/2026)

HB 1097, Act 444

Title 37 – Mental Health

This Act requires criminal history and registry background checks for individuals and facilities providing care to children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

House Vote: 160-2 (03/27/2026)

Senate Vote: 44-0 (03/20/2026)

HB 1107, Act 396

Title 20 - Education

This Act requires the Professional Standards Commission to publish annual performance measures for educator-preparation programs, including satisfaction surveys.

House Vote: 166-0 (02/26/2026)

Senate: 49-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 1112, Act 445

Title 10 Commerce and Trade

This Act provides rounding procedures for purchases after the discontinuation of the penny and requires that a merchant must accept exact change before any rounding and taxes will be calculated before rounding the total amount.

House Vote: 163-4 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 50-0 (03/25/2026)

HB 1118, Act 413

Title 45 – Public Officers

This Act establishes maternal birth leave as a new benefit category for state employees and bars retaliation against employees who use it.

House Vote: 170-0 (03/04/2026)

Senate Vote: 50-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 1121, Act 22

Title 15 - Courts

This Act amends the terms of court for the superior courts within the Cordele Judicial Circuit to January 1 and July 1.

House Vote: 165-0 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 47-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 1123, Act 393

Title 20 - Education

This Act requires schools with after-school programs to make them available to pre-K students too, starting in 2026–2027, with a waiver process.

House Vote: 162-0 (02/24/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/19/2026)

HB 1128, Act 415

Title 45 – Public Officers

This Act provides for notice of compensation eligibility to legal guardians of injured peace officers and extends certain disability claim filing deadlines.

House Vote: 158-0 (03/04/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-0 (03/25/2026)

HB 1129, Act 459

Title 36 – Local Government

This Act removes the state sales tax exemption for certain enterprise zones and limits their number to four per county.

House Vote: 170-1 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 45-2 (03/31/2026)

HB 1131, Act 482

Title 17 - Criminal Procedure

This Act authorizes personal service of a notice of a warrant application hearing. The Act reduces the amount of cash escrow that certain professional bonding companies are required to have on deposit from \$1 million to \$500,000.00. The Act also exempts cash bonds by individuals on behalf of family members from certain annual limits

House Vote: 166-0 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 47-2 (04/02/2026)

HB 1138, Act 447

Title 31 - Health

This Act authorizes licensed pharmacists to dispense a self-administered contraceptive or to administer an injectable contraceptive under specific guidelines and requirements and provides for covered contraceptive drug minimums to be provided to Medicaid recipients.

House Vote: 158-11 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-1 (04/02/2026)

HB 1161, Act 640 DEM LEGISLATION

Title 40 – Motor Vehicles

This Act sets rules for vehicle operation near emergency vehicles and traffic stops, revises window tint provisions, and updates automated traffic enforcement rules.

House Vote: 163-6 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 33-19 (04/03/2026)

HB 1164, Act 721 FLAGGED

Title 20 - Education

This Act creates an audit committee and tiered risk framework to review the financial condition of local school systems and state charter schools. This Act adds additional workload with a reporting requirement, to ensure compliance with previous unfunded mandates.

It requires the State Board of Education to appoint an audit committee to routinely examine payments into the State Benefits Plan, including financial reporting, performance, and adherence to laws and policies. It adds additional reporting standards, with strict timelines when reports need to be made, to whom they need to be made, and whether such reports are public.

Concerningly, this legislation creates mechanisms to terminate school charters and contracts of superintendents of districts that are high-risk. It specifies accountability procedures for schools and systems designated as high and moderate risk and gives the state auditor authority to

prioritize which local school systems and state charter schools are subject to monitoring, support, and interventions.

House Vote: 103-68 (02/26/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-2 (03/23/2026)

HB 1181, Act 400

Title 40 – Motor Vehicles

This Act allows registration of vehicles obtained through inheritance, devise, or bequest.

House Vote: 166-0 (02/19/2026)

Senate Vote: 43-0 (03/20/2026)

HB 1185, Act 460 FLAGGED

Title 14 – Corporations, Partnerships, and Associations

This Act allows corporate bylaws to require certain shareholder disputes be brought in the Georgia State-wide Business Court and expands that court's jurisdiction. This bill lets corporations require shareholder lawsuits and internal governance disputes to be heard exclusively in Georgia's State-wide Business Court. It also tightens rules on derivative suits, raises ownership thresholds, and limits when shareholders can recover attorney's fees, especially when the only outcome is added disclosures. The bill centralizes internal business litigation and makes shareholder suits harder to bring

House Vote: 97-65 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 45-2 (03/27/2026)

HB 1202, Act 419

Title 35 – Law Enforcement

This Act corrects a cross-reference concerning the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board's grant-review duties.

House Vote: 164-0 (02/18/2026)

Senate Vote: 41-6 (03/31/2026)

HB 1208, Act 387

Title 9 Civil Practice

This Act requires depositions that are taken and recorded in front of certified court reporters and to be recorded by stenographers.

House Vote: 138-17 (03/07/2026)
Senate Vote: 48-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 1230, Act 388

Title 42 – Penal Institutions

This Act restricts drone use near places of incarceration, including delivering contraband or filming for criminal purposes, and allows drones violating the law to be treated as contraband.

House Vote: 166-2 (03/03/2026)
Senate Vote: 45-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 1234, Act 631

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act allows members of certain state retirement systems to assign group term life insurance benefits to a funeral home.

House Vote: 166-2 (03/04/2026)
Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/19/2026)

HB 1254, Act 473

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act moves licensing of cemeterians, auctioneers, geologists, and hearing aid dispensers to the Secretary of State and abolishes their prior regulatory boards.

House Vote: 163-3 (03/06/2026)
Senate Vote: 49-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 1261, Act 483 FLAGGED

Title 48 – Revenue and Taxation

This is a giveaway to data centers through counties' foregoing tax revenue for electricity construction.

This Act allows county and local governments to submit a referendum to their voters allowing for an exception to ad valorem taxation for “electric utility equipment, including, motors, turbines, boilers, regulators, steel, concrete, masonry, conductor, cable, poles, transformers, capacitors, circuitbreakers, fuses, insulators, switchgear, and any other capital equipment and supplies that are held in inventory by an electric utility for use in the normal course of business within this state.”

Georgia Power is about to build a tremendous amount of electricity generating capacity due to data centers' demands and last year's PSC's acquiescence. Like with tariffs, the ultimate cost is borne by the consumers, not the company paying the tax. The consumers here are the data centers, who are contractually obligated to pay for these costs themselves.

These data centers are being built by the wealthiest firms in our country, the top of the S&P 500, and most of whom are based in California and other states. They can certainly cover the ad valorem taxes.

House Vote: 100-66 (03/06/2026)

Senate Vote: 45-0 (03/20/2026)

HB 1268, Act 723

Title 28 - General Assembly

This Act makes extensive editorial amendments to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to correct typographical, stylistic, capitalization, punctuation, and other errors and omissions.

House Vote: 168-0 (03/03/2026)

Senate Vote: 45-0 (03/20/2026)

HB 1275, Act 453

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act sets guidelines for human stem cell therapy and prohibits therapy or research using cells derived from an aborted fetus or embryo, with limited exceptions.

House Vote: 166-1 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 1277, Act 454 FLAGGED

Title 32 - Highways

This Act raises the price limit for road and airport projects that need a full environmental review from \$100 million to \$200 million, and pegs it to inflation. It changes how the Department of Transportation reports project information and removes limits on certain types of construction contracts. It also raises the amount of money for selling unused state land from \$75,000 to \$150,000

House Vote: 122-50 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 51-1 (04/02/2026)

HB 1278, Act 405

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act allows designees of the Georgia Board of Dentistry to complete evaluations and exams for dentists seeking sedation/anesthesia permits.

House Vote: 165-0 (02/26/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 1283, Act 719 DEM LEGISLATION

Title 19 - Domestic Relations

This Act authorizes "Family Justice Centers" offering coordinated services to victims of family violence, sexual assault, abuse, and trafficking, and extends evidence-retention timelines for sexual assault cases. This legislation allows counties, municipalities, and district attorneys to establish Family Justice Centers. These centers combine law enforcement and victim service providers in a single location to help victims of family violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child/elder abuse. The centers can be operated by a local government, a district attorney's office, or a nonprofit. The center must have a board of directors with representation from local officials and community organizations. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council can give grants to support these centers. The Act also addresses confidentiality, immunity, and exemptions from public disclosure. Furthermore, it modifies discovery rules concerning evidence obtained at these centers. In addition this Act changes rape kit testing timelines from 30 years to 10 years.

House Vote: 170-0 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-0 (03/31/2026)

HB 1284, Act 397

Title 20 - Education

This Act allows local boards to award high school diplomas to terminally ill students receiving end-of-life care.

House Vote: 172-0 (03/04/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-0 (03/27/2026)

HB 1302, Act 474

Title 20 - Education

This Act creates a major workforce-alignment overhaul: reconstitutes the Office of Student Achievement as the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy, revamps the apprenticeship program, and designates the Technical College System as the state apprenticeship agency. (Section 19 delayed to January 1, 2027.)

House Vote: 172-2 (03/04/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-1 (03/18/2026)

HB 1328, Act 469

Title 20 - Education

This Act provides an increase in the number of University of North Georgia military scholarships awarded to persons from each congressional district in Georgia. The Act authorizes additional such scholarships to be awarded if funding is available and provides requirements for additional scholarships to be awarded

House Vote: 172-0 (03/06/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-0 (03/25/2026)

HB 1374, Act 406

Title 33 – Insurance

This Act sets requirements for health plans changing payment methods to electronic funds transfer and restricts related fees; also revises state purchase contract competitive bidding rules.

House Vote: 165-0 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/20/2026)

HB 1379, Act 632 FLAGGED

Title 20 - Education

This Act requires annual reporting of foreign funding to Georgia colleges, universities, and school systems, defining a "foreign source of concern." This Act mandates that University System of Georgia institutions, Technical College System units, and local school systems report funding received from foreign sources to the Attorney General and the Department of Audits beginning in 2027. These reports, made public by the Department of Audits (with redactions), must detail funding amounts, types, sources, and associated contracts. The legislation aims to increase transparency regarding foreign influence in education. (Section 3 delayed to January 1, 2027.)

House Vote: 139-16 (03/04/2026)

Senate Vote: 31-20 (03/18/2026)

HB 1408, Act 455

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act authorizes licensed veterinary technicians under a veterinarian's direct supervision to administer antirabies vaccinations.

House Vote: 170-0 (03/04/2026)

Senate Vote: 50-0 (03/19/2026)

HB 1434, Act 457

Title 6 - Aviation

This Act requires airport sponsors to identify "airport affected areas" and notify local governments, which must then adopt and enforce height/land-use rules to keep airspace clear of obstructions, with DOT assistance and a variance process

House Vote: 172-0 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 52-0 (04/02/2026)

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SB 111, Act 462

Title 31 - Health

This Act permits rural freestanding emergency departments to qualify for certain tax credits. The Act requires rural hospital organizations to maintain a primary campus in a rural county and be licensed by the department to provide maternal and newborn services, and lowers the percentage of annual net revenue categorized as indigent care, charity care, or bad debt from at least 10 percent to 5 percent. The Act removes patient margin requirements.

House Vote: 162-1 (03/31/2026)
Senate Vote: 48-0 (04/02/2026)

SB 143, Act 630

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act revises benefit commencement, eligibility, and vesting rules under the Georgia Firefighter's Pension Fund and includes Georgia Tax Court judges in the Judicial Retirement System.

House Vote: 168-0 (03/31/2026)
Senate Vote: 52-1 (04/02/2026)

SB 146, Act 486

Title 36 – Local Government

This Act creates legal mechanisms for accessing and maintaining ancestral burial grounds on private land and sets minimum requirements for establishing family burial plots.

House Vote: 163-2 (03/27/2026)
Senate Vote: 46-0 (02/09/2026)

SB 148, Act 398

Title 20 - Education

This Act authorizes hunting-safety instruction for grades 6–12, a pilot outdoor-learning-space program, drops the physician-involvement requirement for AED programs, and increases teachers' accumulated sick leave.

House Vote: 165-0 (04/04/2025)
Senate Vote: 50-0 (01/28/2026)

SB 150, Act 399

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act extends, through 2030, the Teachers Retirement System provision allowing certain retirees to be rehired in high-need teaching areas, and expands eligible subject areas.

House Vote: 159-0 (03/27/2026)
Senate Vote: 49-0 (03/31/2026)

SB 179, Act 625

Title 20 - Education

This Act makes computer science a graduation requirement starting in 2031–2032, lets patriotic-society representatives speak to students on request, and classifies virtual-only nonpublic schools as private schools.

House Vote: 99-66 (03/23/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-3 (03/09/2026)

SB 195, Act 409

Title 31 - Health

This Act permits pharmacists administer HIV PrEP/PEP and physicians prescribe long-acting injectables, with related training and documentation rules.

House Vote: 155-7 (02/12/2026)

Senate Vote: 45-0 (03/25/2026)

SB 207, Act 628

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act sets a standardized process for licensing boards to review applicants' criminal records and limits which offenses can disqualify a license applicant.

House Vote: 160-3 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 50-0 (04/02/2026)

SB 216, Act 488

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act places the director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualification Commission into the Judicial Retirement System and allows transfer of prior service credit.

House Vote: 165-0 (03/19/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-2 (03/04/2026)

SB 218, Act 489

Title 15 - Courts

This Act assigns the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission to the Administrative Office of the Courts and provides for funding to be appropriated through the judicial branch of state government. The Act authorizes such commission to employ investigators and special commission investigators and provides for investigations, limited arrests, and subpoena powers.

House Vote: 149-18 (04/04/2025)

Senate Vote: 49-1 (02/25/2026)

SB 220, Act 712

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act replaces "low THC oil" terminology with "medical cannabis" throughout the Code, narrows criminal exposure for lawful possession, revises the list of diagnosed conditions eligible for a registration card, and updates the Medical Cannabis Commission's duties.

House Vote: 144-21 (03/23/2026)

Senate Vote: 38-14 (03/18/2026)

SB 261, Act 490

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act revises the Magistrates Retirement Fund's governing board, member dues, and maximum benefit calculations.

House Vote: 167-0 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 53-0 (04/02/2026)

SB 285, Act 416

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act requires local governments to remit 1.5% of insurance premium tax collections to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund and raises the benefit multiplier for related annuities.

House Vote: 165-0 (03/19/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/27/2026)

SB 293, Act 503

Title 40 – Motor Vehicles

This Act raises penalties for license plate and title fraud from misdemeanors to felonies and adds vehicle ID number requirements to temporary operating permits.

House Vote: 168-1 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 41-2 (03/27/2026)

SB 369, Act 504

Title 20 - Education

This Act requires State Board of Education to establish rules, regulations and policies for nontraditional education programs, lets virtual students join extracurriculars at their home

school, requires total-cost-of-ownership review for school technology purchases, and creates "dropout recovery" charter schools.

House Vote: 151-6 (03/27/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-0 (03/31/2026)

SB 383, Act 421

Title 19 - Domestic Relations

This Act expands child fatality review committees (more members, mandatory training, broader review scope) and adds new notification/reporting duties.

House Vote: 165-0 (03/18/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-0 (02/06/2026)

SB 395, Act 506

Title 31 - Health

This Act authorizes the Department of Public Health to disclose certain information regarding the Low THC Oil Patient Registry to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. The Act designates ambulance services as an essential service.

House Vote: 161-0 (03/23/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/27/2026)

SB 399, Act 507

Title 31 - Health

This Act requires AED instructors to complete a nationally recognized course and communication officers to be trained in telephone CPR/AED guidance.

House Vote: 165-0 (03/18/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-0 (02/26/2026)

SB 403, Act 410

Title 44 – Property

This Act revises notice procedures for the Georgia Unclaimed Property List and allows the state revenue commissioner to pay unclaimed property without a formal claim in certain cases.

House Vote: 158-0 (03/27/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-0 (03/31/2026)

SB 420, Act 508

Title 27 - Game and Fish

This Act adds fees for reef and migratory-fish endorsements, reporting requirements for holders, and adjusts the effective date for related Dept of Natural Resources rule violations.

House Vote: 163-2 (03/12/2026)

Senate Vote: 52-0 (02/03/2026)

SB 428, Act 492

Title 31 - Health

This Act authorizes the Department of Community Health to seek a Medicaid waiver for home/community-based mental-health services for adults over 21 who don't need institutional care.

House Vote: 166-2 (03/23/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (02/24/2026)

SB 430, Act 493

Title 48 – Revenue and Taxation

This Act adds military museums to tourism product development and requires the Hotel Motel Tax Performance Review Board to meet quarterly to review local tourism promotion designations.

House Vote: 169-0 (03/25/2026)

Senate Vote: 53-0 (04/03/2026)

SB 433, Act 423

Title 35 – Law Enforcement

This Act creates special license plates for people with autism spectrum disorder or developmental disabilities and mandates related peace officer training on encounters with these individuals.

House Vote: 169-0 (03/25/2026)

Senate Vote: 54-0 (02/25/2026)

SB 435

Title 2 - Agriculture

This Act renames the Georgia Department Authority as the Georgia Agricultural Development Authority.

House Vote: 154-0 (03/16/2026)
Senate Vote: 47-0 (02/10/2026)

SB 439, Act 510

Title 10 - Commerce and Trade

This Act requires senior-living/personal-care-home referral agencies to disclose key information to prospective residents, get acknowledgment of that disclosure, limits when they can charge a facility a referral fee, and gives the Attorney General enforcement power.

House Vote: 168-0 (03/19/2026)
Senate Vote: 53-0 (03/06/2026)

SB 441, Act 511

Title 36 – Local Government

This Act requires State Depository Board preapproval for pooled investments made collectively by two or more local governments.

House Vote: 167-0 (03/23/2026)
Senate Vote: 49-0 (02/26/2026)

SB 443, Act 512 FLAGGED

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act raises obstructing a highway or street from a misdemeanor to an aggravated misdemeanor, makes obstructing a sidewalk a standard misdemeanor, and allows civil damages claims. This legislation modifies the crime of Obstructing Highways, Streets, Sidewalks, or Other Public Passages by enhancing the penalty for highways and streets.

Currently, a person commits this offense when, without authority of law, they purposely or recklessly obstruct any highway, or street, sidewalk, or other public passage in such a way as to render it impassable without unreasonable inconvenience or hazard and fails or refuses to remove the obstruction after receiving a reasonable official request or the order of a peace officer that he or she do so. All are currently treated equally as a misdemeanor.

This Act separates highways and streets and enhances the penalty to a high and aggravated misdemeanor. It further makes all convicted persons civilly liable for damages that results from the offense.

There is no change to obstructing a sidewalk, or other public passage.

House Vote: 96-69 (03/23/2026)
Senate Vote: 35-17 (03/03/2026)

SB 447 FLAGGED

Title 12 - Conservation and Natural Resources

This Act revises building-inspection-report procedures and permit issuance, and requires local governments to provide real-time status updates on building-permit applications.

This makes property development easier. It would make permitting much easier for all regulatory permits, including soil and erosion, storm-water, and utilities, and for all types of development, including housing and industrial uses..

It mandates approval criteria, requires written reasons for permit denials, sets time limits for permit decisions (5 days for completeness and need for external review, 45 for an ultimate decision) and provides for automatic approval and fee refunds if deadlines are missed.

There are also resubmission deadlines (20 for first resubmission, 14 thereafter). During the resubmission process, a local government may not make any additional comments. A developer may make a "material addition" to their permit, which would re-start the clock as though a new permit, but only as to those additions. (A developer does not need to notify the local government that there is a material addition, so the 5-day completeness requirement would become very important.)

Beginning in 2028, local governments issuing more than 250 permits annually must provide real-time, online permit status tracking.

A developer may petition the courts to require the local government to comply with these procedures (writ of mandamus).

This is effectively the same legislation as HB 812, which did not receive a floor vote prior to Crossover. (The primary change is on Line 117, where the House version included a provision of automatic approval if there is a deadline missed. This version still allows the process to play out, but the deadlines plus mandamus relief would likely lead to the same result soon thereafter.)

Exempts airports which have 9,000 or more acres adjacent to property that was currently or formerly owned by a municipality and does not have incorporated territory within the county. Rep Kelly testified that this is a carveout for a few airports in West Georgia.

House Vote: 95-72 (03/31/2026)
Senate Vote: 51-2 (04/03/2026)

SB 452, Act 414

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act increases the maximum employer 401(k) contribution for certain state law enforcement officers.

House Vote: 163-0 (03/19/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-0 (02/17/2026)

SB 470, Act 495

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act creates a new crime for possessing, making, selling, or using cellular/GPS/radio "signal jammers," with mandatory penalties when public-safety or critical-infrastructure systems are affected; makes jammers contraband subject to forfeiture. Defines signal jammer as "any device, instrument, or apparatus which, through emitting a signal is capable of preventing, disrupting, delaying, degrading, or otherwise interfering with the transmission of a communication signal over any wireless communications system, cellular communications system, radar system, or global positioning system or any radio, telephone, or cable line, station, or system."

House Vote: 163-3 (03/19/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/27/2026)

SB 485, Act 514 FLAGGED

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act requires nail technician applicants and apprentices to submit ID with their applications and requires photo displays of registered technicians in salons. Concerns and issues with privacy and the specificity of targeting this particular profession that is predominantly held by immigrant groups, particularly women and women of color.

House Vote: 121-46 (03/23/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/27/2026)

SB 489, Act 515

Title 47 – Retirement and Pensions

This Act allows the Probate Courts Retirement Fund board to set monthly dues and increases certain probate court fees.

House Vote: 161-0 (03/19/2026)

Senate Vote: 53-1 (03/04/2026)

SB 535, Act 412

Title 37 – Mental Health

This Act re-creates public mental health community service boards and requires each to include an executive director employed by the state behavioral health department. This is a clean-up bill related to community service boards that provide comprehensive, community-based mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services. It re-creates community service boards effective on July 1, 2026. It renews board members terms, reconstitutes governing boards for supervisory purposes, and mandates updates for by laws. The legislation specifically notes that the limitations do not apply to the executive director.

House Vote: 130-31 (03/16/2026)

Senate Vote: 45-2 (02/26/2026)

SB 542, Act 496

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act Creates first- and second-degree offenses for improper sexual contact by a clergy member, with a 15-year statute of limitations.

House Vote: 168-0 (03/23/2026)

Senate Vote: 47-0 (03/23/2026)

SB 547, Act 417

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act makes pimping and pandering automatically punishable as felonies.

House Vote: 166-2 (03/25/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-0 (03/06/2026)

SB 551, Act 433

Title 26 - Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics

This Act repeals Georgia's egg standards, labeling, and adulteration statute in its entirety.

House Vote: 165-0 (03/18/2026)

Senate Vote: 45-0 (03/06/2026)

SB 552, Act 497 FLAGGED

Title 20 - Education

This Act aka the "TPUSA Act" guarantees public school students' right to political expression and equal access to limited public forums and political groups.

This Act permits students enrolled in public schools to organize partisan or nonpartisan political activities and groups before, during, and after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other noncurricular student activities and groups during non-instructional time.

A public school will be deemed to have a limited open forum whenever the school permits a noncurricular related student group to meet on school premises during non-instructional time. Partisan and non-partisan groups will be given the same access to public school facilities and the same opportunity to announce meetings as is given to other groups without discrimination, provided the school uniformly ensures that meetings are voluntary, student initiated, and do not substantially interfere with educational activities and discipline.

House Vote: 95-68 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 42-7 (03/31/2026)

SB 553, Act 472

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act repeals and reenacts the licensing chapter for electrical, low voltage, utility, plumbing, and conditioned air contractors.

House Vote: 168-0 (03/19/2026)

Senate Vote: 46-0 (03/27/2026)

SB 556, Act 468

Title 20 - Education

This Act creates the DREAMS scholarship, counts advanced fine-arts courses toward HOPE eligibility, requires opioid-antagonist availability at university/technical-college campuses, adds a medical-school scholarship, and raises 529-plan contribution limits. (Part V was already effective May 11, 2026.)

House Vote: 167-2 (04/02/2026)

Senate Vote: 36-17 (04/02/2026)

SB 570, Act 519

Title 43 – Professions and Businesses

This Act requires human trafficking awareness training for inn employees and short-term rental property managers, plus related reporting and posting requirements.

House Vote: 162-2 (03/19/2026)

Senate Vote: 38-6 (03/27/2026)

SB 587, Act 498

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act lets courts order the location of an alleged abuse victim in certain child/elder-abuse cases and creates a statewide animal-cruelty database.

House Vote: 163-0 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 48-0 (03/31/2026)

SB 589, Act 633

Title 20 - Education

This Act allows 4- and 5-year-olds enroll in Pre-K, lets eligible first-grade-age children enroll in kindergarten instead, and requires suicide/crisis-line information on student ID badges.

House Vote: 156-3 (03/27/2026)

Senate Vote: 49-0 (03/31/2026)

SB 591, Act 626 FLAGGED

Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses

This Act makes disrupting a religious service, memorial or funeral a misdemeanor (an aggravated misdemeanor if at a military funeral or memorial). Issues about protests and demonstrations that take place nearby churches have been brought up by members.

House Vote: 128-39 (03/31/2026)

Senate Vote: 39-13 (03/06/2026)