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:

"(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;"

19 PART II

20 Senate Committee Name Correction

21 **SECTION 2-1.**

- 22 Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is
- 23 amended by revising Code Section 10-9-20, relating to Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World
- 24 Congress Center Authority Overview Committee created, composition, officers, and duties,
- 25 as follows:
- 26 "10-9-20.
- 27 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
- 30 be a member of the minority party, five members of the Senate appointed by the Senate
- 31 Committee on Assignments, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, the
- 32 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
- 34 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
- 36 General Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Senate
- 37 Committee on Assignments from the membership of the committee, and the vice
- 38 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
- 40 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."

47 PART III
48 Georgia Education Authority (Schools)
49 SECTION 3-1.

50 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in 51 Article 11 of Chapter 2, relating to public school property and facilities, by repealing Part 3,

52 relating to the Georgia Education Authority (Schools), and designating said part as reserved.

53 **SECTION 3-2.**

54 Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-3-152, relating to the Georgia Education

55 Authority (University) creation, members, officers, and staff, quorum, procedural rules and

56 regulations, and assignment to Department of Administrative Services, by revising

57 subsection (b) as follows:

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58 "(b) The authority shall elect one of its members as chairman chairperson and another as

59 <u>vice-chairman</u> <u>vice chairperson</u> 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

61 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

- 66 their duties. The staff of the authority shall be the same as the staff of the Georgia
- 67 Education Authority (Schools). The authority shall make rules and regulations for its own
- 68 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
- 70 article or impair the obligations of any contracts existing under this article."
- 71 **SECTION 3-3.**
- 72 Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is
- 73 amended in Code Section 29-3-32, relating to investment of funds, by repealing
- 74 paragraph (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.
- 75 **SECTION 3-4.**
- 76 Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-32, relating to investment of estate funds
- 77 by conservator, by repealing paragraph (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.
- 78 **SECTION 3-5.**
- 79 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,
- 80 is amended by revising Code Section 45-15-13, relating to representation of state authorities
- 81 by Attorney General, as follows:
- 82 "45-15-13.
- As used in Code Sections 45-15-14 through 45-15-16, the term 'state authorities' means the
- 84 following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia Building Authority, Georgia Education
- 85 Authority (Schools), Georgia Education Authority (University), Georgia Highway
- 86 Authority, Georgia Ports Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Jekyll
- 87 Island—State Park Authority, Stone Mountain Memorial Association, Georgia Emergency
- 88 Communications Authority, and Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority."

SECTION 3-6.

90 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended 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

101 **SECTION 3-7.**

issue debt and not specifically exempt from this article."

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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:

"(2) There shall be a construction division of the commission administered by a director who shall not be a member of the commission and who shall also serve as the executive secretary for the commission. The director and the staff of the construction division shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commission, shall provide administrative support for all personnel of the commission, and shall account for and keep all records pertaining to the operation and administration of the commission and its staff. The director, as executive secretary, shall prepare agendas and keep minutes of all meetings of the commission. In construction and construction related matters, the construction division shall act in accordance with the policies, resolutions, and directives of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) and the Georgia Education Authority (University) 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."

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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.

140	PART IV
141	General Assembly
142	SECTION 4-1.

143 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is 144 amended by repealing Code Section 28-1-17, relating to prefiling of proposed bills and 145 resolutions prior to each legislative session and administrative procedure.

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147 Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-3-24.1, relating to public distribution of

48 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."

162 **SECTION 4-3.**

163 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 28-4-3.1, relating to confidentiality

- 164 of communications between Office of Legislative Counsel and certain persons, as follows:
- 165 "28-4-3.1.
- 166 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
- 168 confidential: members, officers, and staff of the General Assembly, including the
- 169 <u>Lieutenant Governor President of the Senate</u>, and persons acting on their behalf of such
- 170 public officers; and such communications, and records and work product relating to such
- 171 communications, shall not be subject to inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter
- 172 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
- 174 privilege established under this Code section is in addition to any other constitutional,
- statutory, or common law privilege."

176 **SECTION 4-4.**

- 177 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 28-4-5, relating to the Attorney
- 178 General to serve as advisor to legislative counsel, as follows:
- 179 "28-4-5.
- 180 (a) The Attorney General shall serve as an advisor to the legislative counsel and any
- 181 <u>individual provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1 and shall represent the General Assembly</u>
- 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.
- 184 (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
- 186 <u>Legislative Counsel or any individual provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1.</u>

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

192 **SECTION 4-5.**

constitutional, statutory, or common law privilege."

- 193 Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
- 194 "28-4-5.1.

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- 195 (a) The Legislative Services Committee may assign to one or more legislative staff
- 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 <u>litigation and as to legislation that may affect the legislative branch and to perform any</u>
- 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
- 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 <u>legal services not to exceed \$12,000.00</u>. Any invoice which exceeds \$5,000.00, or
- \$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 monthly basis."

222 **SECTION 4-7.**

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223 Code Section 9-10-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grounds for continuance and stay — attendance of party or attorney in General Assembly, writing

225 requirement, and considerations, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A member of the General Assembly who is a party to or the attorney for a party to a case; any member of the Office of Legislative Counsel, including the legislative counsel and persons provided for under subsection (d) of Code Section 28-4-3, appearing on behalf of the General Assembly or any member, officer, or staff thereof in a case; any individual or member of the office provided for in Code Section 28-4-5.1, appearing on behalf of the 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, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker Pro Tempore 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, the member attends a national legislative conference or board meeting, the member attends a caucus meeting, or the member attends a meeting of a study committee of the General Assembly. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule of court, or administrative rule or regulation, the time for doing any act in the case which is delayed by the continuance provided by this Code section shall be automatically extended by the same length of time as the continuance or stay covered."

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

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

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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."

284 PART V
285 Legislative Services Committee
286 SECTION 5-1.

287 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is 288 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
- 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
- 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 Senate shall be cochairpersons; provided, however, that the Speaker of the House of 317 318 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 year and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the secretary of the committee 323 324 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 performance of their duties under this chapter between sessions, the members shall receive 327 the allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. 328 (e) The committee shall meet at least twice during each calendar year. Additional 329 meetings may be held upon the call of the presiding chairperson or upon the call of a 330 331 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 including the presiding chairperson shall be entitled to vote on all matters requiring a vote 335 336 of the committee. In the event that the presiding chairperson for the then-current year is unable to chair a called meeting of the committee, the committee shall be chaired by the 337 other cochairperson." 338

339	SECTION 5-2.
340	Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-4-3, relating to Office of Legislative
341	Counsel, creation, qualifications, and powers and duties, by revising paragraph (4) of
342	subsection (c) as follows:
343	"(4) Provide legal services for the legislative branch of government and, with the
344	approval of the committee or the chairman presiding chairperson of such committee, to
345	represent the interests of the legislative branch in matters involving litigation; and"
346	PART VI
347	Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee
348	SECTION 6-1.
349	Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is
350	amended by repealing Chapter 10, relating to the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority
351	Overview Committee, and designating said chapter as reserved.
352	SECTION 6-2.
353	Any assets of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee existing as of June
354	30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia
355	on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority
356	Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the
357	State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

358	PART VII
359	Reports of the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination
360	SECTION 7-1.
361	Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising
362	Code Section 31-53-6, relating to the compiling of reports and public dissemination of data,
363	as follows:
364	"31-53-6.
365	(a) The office shall compile reports received from the following boards, commissions,
366	committees, councils, and offices pursuant to each such entity's respective statutory
367	reporting requirements:
368	(1) The Maternal Mortality Review Committee;
369	(2) The Office of Women's Health;
370	(3) The Kidney Disease Advisory Committee;
371	(4)(2) The Hemophilia Advisory Board;
372	(5)(3) The Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness;
373	(6)(4) The Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council;
374	(7)(5) The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission;
375	(8)(6) The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council;
376	(9)(7) The Department of Public Health on behalf of the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke
377	Registry;
378	(10)(8) The Office of Cardiac Care; and
379	(11)(9) The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission.
380	(b) The office shall maintain a website that permits public dissemination of data compiled
381	by the boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices listed in subsection (a) of
382	this Code section."

383	PART VIII	
384	Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee	
385	SECTION 8-1.	
386	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	
989	designating said Code section as reserved.	
390	SECTION 8-2.	
391	Said title is further amended in Code Section 36-91-112, relating to model guidelines, by	
392	revising subsection (a) as follows:	
393	"(a) Prior to executing any comprehensive agreement for the development or operation of	
394	a qualifying project pursuant to an unsolicited proposal received by a local government	
395	under this article, the local government shall adopt either:	
396	(1) The model guidelines from the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act	
397	Guidelines Committee; or	
398	(2) Its its own guidelines as a policy, rule, regulation, or ordinance, which shall contain	
399	each of the factors identified in subsection (b) of this Code section."	
400	PART IX	
401	Georgia World War I Centennial Commission	
102	SECTION 9-1.	
102	Title 45 of the Official Code of Coursis Associated solution to suplice of figure and associated	
	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	
ŧ05	Centennial Commission, and designating said article as reserved.	

406	SECTION 9-2.
407	Any assets of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2024
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409	1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission
410	existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by
411	such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.
412	PART X
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	State Personnel Oversight Commission
414	SECTION 10-1.
415	Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees
416	is amended by repealing Chapter 24, relating to the "Governmental Reorganization and
417	Termination from Employment Reform Act of 1977."
418	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
421	2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing
422	as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such
423	instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

424	PART XI	
425	Small Business Assistance Advisory Council	
426	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.	
430	PART XII	
431	Commission on Regional Planning	
432	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.	
435	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	

441 **PART XIII** 442 Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol 443 SECTION 13-1. 444 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended 445 by repealing Code Section 50-16-5.1, relating to the Commission on the Preservation of the 446 State Capitol. 447 SECTION 13-2. 448 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, 449 is amended in Code Section 45-13-72, relating to submission of recommendations to achieve 450 highest museum standards, and designation of area as Georgia Capitol Agricultural History 451 Museum, by revising subsection (b) as follows: 452 "(b) The Capitol Art Standards Commission, in cooperation with the Board of Regents of 453 the University System of Georgia and the Commission on the Preservation of the State 454 Capitol, shall designate areas within the capitol museum as the Georgia Capitol 455 Agricultural History Museum areas. Such areas shall include information, artifacts, 456 photographs, monuments, or other related items which tell the history and importance of 457 agriculture to this state's economic growth. Except as provided for in this part, the Georgia 458 Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas of the capitol museum shall be maintained, 459 operated, and managed in the same manner as the other areas of the capitol museum." 460 SECTION 13-3. 461 Any assets of the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol existing as of June 30, 462 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on 463 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.

488	PART XVI
489	General Repealer
490	SECTION 16-1.

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