

Senate Bill 341

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AS PASSED SENATE

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 relating to the
6 legislative fiscal office's scope of authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an
7 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **PART I**

10 *Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Name Correction*

11 **SECTION 1-1.**

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

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

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PART II

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Senate Committee Name Correction

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SECTION 2-1.

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

25 "10-9-20.

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

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

46 **PART III**

47 *Georgia Education Authority (Schools)*

48 **SECTION 3-1.**

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

52 **SECTION 3-2.**

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

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

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

70 **SECTION 3-3.**

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

74 **SECTION 3-4.**

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

77 **SECTION 3-5.**

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

81 "45-15-13.

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

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SECTION 3-6.

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

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

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SECTION 3-7.

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

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

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

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SECTION 3-8.

132 Any assets of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing as of June 30, 2024, shall
133 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,
134 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing
135 as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such
136 instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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PART IV

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General Assembly

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SECTION 4-1.

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

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SECTION 4-2.

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

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

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PART V

Legislative Services Committee

SECTION 5-1.

162 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is
163 amended in Chapter 4, relating to legislative services, by revising Code Section 28-4-1,
164 relating to the Legislative Services Committee, creation, membership, compensation, and
165 members, as follows:

166 "28-4-1.

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

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

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

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

172 (4) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Appropriations Committee of the House of
173 Representatives,~~the;~~

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

175 (6) Chairperson ~~chairperson~~ of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives;
176 ~~the;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

188 ~~(16) Clerk of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of~~
189 ~~Representatives shall be chairperson of the committee, and the Secretary of the Senate~~
190 ~~shall be secretary of the committee.~~

191 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
192 Senate shall be cochairpersons; provided, however, that the Speaker of the House of
193 Representatives shall be the presiding chairperson of the committee each odd-numbered
194 year, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be the presiding chairperson of the
195 committee each even-numbered year. The President of the Senate shall at all times serve
196 as the vice chairperson.

197 (c) The Secretary of the Senate shall be secretary of the committee each odd-numbered
198 year and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the secretary of the committee
199 each even-numbered year.

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

204 ~~(c)~~(e) The committee shall meet at least twice during each calendar year. Additional
205 meetings may be held upon the call of the presiding chairperson or upon the call of a
206 majority of the members of the committee. Nine members of the committee shall
207 constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present at a
208 meeting of the committee, provided such members present constitute a quorum, shall be
209 necessary to transact business of the committee. The presiding chairperson shall be entitled
210 to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the committee. In the event that the presiding
211 chairperson for the then-current year is unable to chair a meeting of the committee

212 convened at the call of a majority of the members of the committee, the committee shall
213 be chaired by the other cochairperson."

214 **SECTION 5-2.**

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

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

221 **SECTION 5-3.**

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

224 "(b) The legislative fiscal officer is authorized on behalf of the legislative branch to pay
225 any properly authorized invoice which does not exceed \$5,000.00; provided, however, that
226 the legislative fiscal officer may pay an invoice for fees incurred for legal services not to
227 exceed \$12,000.00. Any invoice which exceeds \$5,000.00, or \$12,000.00 for fees incurred
228 for legal services, may not be paid by such fiscal officer without prior approval from the
229 committee. The committee may provide for such approval to be given at meetings of the
230 committee, or in writing between meetings by a majority of the members of the committee,
231 or in such other manner as the committee may establish. All invoices shall contain in detail
232 a description of the work performed, materials used or purchased, and any other
233 information pertinent to the obligation. Before the fiscal officer may pay any invoice, a
234 requisition or purchase order covering such invoice and signed by the person or persons
235 authorized by the Legislative Services Committee to do so plus evidence of delivery must

236 have been submitted to the fiscal officer. A list of all invoices which have been paid shall
237 be submitted by the fiscal officer to the committee on a monthly basis."

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PART VI

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Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee

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SECTION 6-1.

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

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SECTION 6-2.

245 Any assets of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee existing as of June
246 30, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia
247 on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority
248 Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the
249 State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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PART VII

Reports of the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

SECTION 7-1.

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

256 "31-53-6.

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

260 (1) The Maternal Mortality Review Committee;

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

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

263 ~~(4)~~(2) The Hemophilia Advisory Board;

264 ~~(5)~~(3) The Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness;

265 ~~(6)~~(4) The Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council;

266 ~~(7)~~(5) The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission;

267 ~~(8)~~(6) The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council;

268 ~~(9)~~(7) The Department of Public Health on behalf of the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke
269 Registry;

270 ~~(10)~~(8) The Office of Cardiac Care; and

271 ~~(11)~~(9) The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission.

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

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PART VIII

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Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee

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SECTION 8-1.

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

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SECTION 8-2.

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

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

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

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

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PART IX

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Georgia World War I Centennial Commission

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SECTION 9-1.

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

298 **SECTION 9-2.**

299 Any assets of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2024,
300 shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July
301 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission
302 existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by
303 such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

304 **PART X**

305 *State Personnel Oversight Commission*

306 **SECTION 10-1.**

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

310 **SECTION 10-2.**

311 Any assets of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall
312 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,
313 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing
314 as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such
315 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.

319 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
320 by repealing Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 5, relating to small business assistance, and
321 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.

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

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SECTION 12-2.

328 Any assets of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as of June 30, 2024, shall
329 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,
330 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as
331 of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such
332 instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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PART XIII

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Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol

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SECTION 13-1.

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

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SECTION 13-2.

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

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

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SECTION 13-3.

353 Any assets of the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol existing as of June 30,
354 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on
355 July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on the Preservation of the

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

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PART XIV

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Senate Committee Name Correction

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SECTION 14-1.

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

364 "(a) There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly, the Georgia Lottery
 365 Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, to be composed of the members of the
 366 House Committee on Regulated Industries and the ~~Senate Economic Development~~
 367 ~~Committee~~ Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. The chairpersons
 368 of such committees shall serve as cochairpersons of the oversight committee. The
 369 oversight committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of the
 370 Georgia Lottery Corporation, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with
 371 which the ~~authority~~ corporation is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as
 372 provided in this chapter. The oversight committee may conduct any independent audit or
 373 investigation of the ~~authority~~ corporation it deems necessary."

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PART XV

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Effective Dates

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SECTION 15-1.

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

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

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PART XVI

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General Repealer

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SECTION 16-1.

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