



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia Board of Education has requested representation by counsel in the matter of *Avis King vs. Georgia Department of Education*, Civil Action No. 2018CV302764, in the Superior Court of Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Law has determined that it cannot provide such representation due to a conflict of interest; and

**WHEREAS:** By Executive Order 10.02.18.04, Mr. Vincent Toreno was appointed to represent the Georgia Board of Education but is no longer able to provide representation in this action; and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Holly Pierson is an attorney duly admitted to the State Bar of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Holly Pierson has agreed to represent the Georgia Board of Education in this action at a rate mutually agreed upon by the Office of the Governor and Ms. Pierson.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 45-10-70 AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That Executive Order 10.02.18.04 is hereby rescinded and replaced by this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That Ms. Holly Pierson of Pierson Law LLC is hereby appointed as Special Counsel and Conflict Counsel to assume control and responsibility for the representation of the Georgia Board of Education in all matters related to the above-referenced civil action.

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

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GOVERNOR