

House Bill 1335 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 holidays and observances, so as to revise the public and legal holidays recognized and  
3 observed by the State of Georgia; to provide for Public Safety Week; to provide for related  
4 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and  
8 observances, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 1-4-1, relating  
9 to public and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically  
10 provided for, as follows:

11 "(a) The State of Georgia shall recognize and observe as public and legal holidays:

12 (1) All days which have been designated as of January 1, ~~1984~~, 2022, as public and legal  
13 holidays by the federal government; and

14 (2) All other days designated and proclaimed by the Governor as public and legal  
15 holidays or as days of fasting and prayer or other religious observance. In such  
16 designation, the Governor shall include at least one of the following dates: January 19,

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17 April 26, or June 3, or a suitable date in lieu thereof to commemorate the event or events  
18 now observed by such dates.

19 (b) The Governor shall close all state offices and facilities a minimum of ~~12~~ 13 days  
20 throughout the year and not more than ~~12~~ 13 days in observance of the public and legal  
21 holidays and other days set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section and shall specify the  
22 days state offices and facilities shall be closed for such observances."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

25 "1-4-25.

26 The week in September during which September 11 falls every year is designated 'Public  
27 Safety Week' in Georgia."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
30 without such approval.

31 **SECTION 4.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.