

HB 1185

STRENGTHENING GEORGIA'S COMPETITIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE



BUILDING ON GEORGIA'S BUSINESS SUCCESS

HB 1185 is a direct response to feedback from the business community to build on Georgia's success as the #1 state to do business. HB 1185 builds on that momentum by modernizing Georgia's corporate legal framework—creating a more predictable, efficient, and business-friendly environment for companies to invest, grow, and create jobs.

Key Reforms



LAWSUIT REFORM

Creates a threshold for shareholder derivative lawsuits and limits excessive attorney fee awards, reducing frivolous litigation and allowing companies to focus on growth.



EXECUTIVE PROTECTIONS

Extends liability protections to company officers, helping attract executive talent and support strategic decision-making.



LITIGATION FLEXIBILITY

Extends the deadline to transfer cases to Business Court from 60 to 90 days and extends the deadline to transfer cases to business court and shorts the window to object to the transfer.



SPECIALIZED BUSINESS COURT

Expands the Georgia Business Court's authority over complex corporate disputes, providing specialized judges, more consistent rulings, and greater certainty for businesses.



RECORDS INSPECTION REFORM

Protects businesses from unnecessary records requests by strengthening standards and allowing courts to shift legal fees for bad-faith claims.

WHY IT MATTERS



REDUCES BUSINESS RISK

Creates a more predictable legal environment that lowers litigation costs and reduces unnecessary legal uncertainty.



STRENGTHENS GEORGIA'S COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Aligns Georgia's corporate legal framework with leading business jurisdictions, making the state even more attractive for investment.



SUPPORTS LONG-TERM GROWTH

Provides the stability, certainty, and legal infrastructure companies and investors look for when expanding or locating major operations.



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