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The State of Georgia does not publish an official legislative history other than the information contained in the House and Senate journals. Because the House and Senate journals contain little more than a record of votes taken on the floors of the House and Senate, the *Georgia State University Law Review* publishes an annual review of selected Georgia legislation known as the *Peach Sheets*™ in an effort to document legislative history. The *Peach Sheets* discuss significant pieces of legislation from the most recent session of Georgia's General Assembly that are likely to have an impact on the practice of law in Georgia.

The format of each *Peach Sheet* is designed to give the reader easy access to important information concerning the selected legislation. The heading of each *Peach Sheet* is the name of the Code title affected by the legislation. The first subheading is divided into two parts: the first part names the Code chapter affected by the legislation, while the second part briefly describes the impact of the legislation. Further subheadings provide the Code sections affected by the legislation, the bill and Act numbers, a summary of the legislation, and the effective date of the new law. The *History* section provides background information about the issues that led to the introduction of the legislation. The *Bill* section analyzes the provisions of each bill and discusses any relevant changes that occurred as each bill passed through the General Assembly.

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The *Peach Sheets* are intended to assist legal practitioners whose practice may be affected by newly enacted Georgia legislation. If you have any suggestions as to how the *Peach Sheets* might better attain this goal, the *Georgia State University Law Review* welcomes your comments.

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Note on Abbreviations

The following abbreviations, taken from those used by the General Assembly, are used in each *Peach Sheet* when reference is made to a particular version of a bill:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>
House	H
Senate	S
Bill	B
Failed	F
Committee Substitute	CS
Committee Amendment	CA
Floor Substitute	FS
Floor Amendment	FA
Conference Committee Substitute	CCS

In many instances, these terms are combined when describing a particular version of a bill. Thus, a bill that was amended by a House committee might be abbreviated as "HCA" while the version of the same bill that was further amended on the floor of the House might be abbreviated as "HCAFA," or a failed Senate floor amendment would appear as "FSFA."