

Senate Bill 324

By: Senators Cheeks of the 23rd, Harbison of the 15th and Brown of the 26th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide that any person
3 otherwise eligible for coverage who declined coverage because he or she was covered under
4 a health insurance plan offered by the federal government based upon prior military service
5 may, under certain conditions, begin or resume coverage under the state health insurance
6 plan; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
10 state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the
11 following:

12 "45-18-20.

13 Any person otherwise eligible to participate in the state health insurance plan established
14 pursuant to this article but who declined to do so because he or she was covered by a
15 federal health insurance plan by virtue of his or her prior military service may begin or
16 resume participation in the state health insurance plan, but only in the event that the federal
17 health insurance plan is abolished or amended in such a manner as to render the member
18 ineligible for coverage under such plan. Any such employee shall provide the board with
19 such evidence of eligibility under this Code section as the board deems appropriate. The
20 employee shall be entitled to commence coverage under the state health insurance plan on
21 the first day of the month following the month in which the board is satisfied that the
22 employee is so eligible."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.