

Senate Bill 408

By: Senator Thomas of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employee Benefit Plan Council, so as to allow employees of the Federal-State Shipping Point Inspection Service and the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to participate in the state's flexible employee benefit plan; to allow payroll deductions for the purchase of benefits by such employees; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employee Benefit Plan Council, is amended by striking paragraph (3) of Code Section 45-18-50, relating to definitions, and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

"(3) 'Employee' means a member of the General Assembly or a person who works full time for the state and receives his compensation in a direct payment from a department, agency, authority, or institution of state government; a county department of family and children services or a county department of health; the Federal-State Shipping Point Inspection Service; the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund; a member of any local board of education; and public schoolteachers and public school employees as defined in Code Sections 20-2-880 and 20-2-910, exclusive of the members, employees, and officials of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by striking subsection (a) of Code Section 45-18-53, relating to authorization for payroll deductions, and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) In order to carry out the provisions of the flexible employee benefit plan, the head of each department, agency, authority, county department of health, the Federal-State

1 Shipping Point Inspection Service, the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, or local school
2 system is authorized to deduct or reduce from salary or wages voluntarily designated
3 amounts by his employees for purchasing insurance or other welfare benefits."

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.