

House Bill 1584

By: Representatives Cummings of the 27th and Shanahan of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-18-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a
2 right of continuation of coverage for former employees, payment of premiums, establishment
3 of terms and conditions by board, and appointment as United States attorney, so as to provide
4 that if a former member of the General Assembly dies after ceasing to hold office but before
5 he or she begins to receive a retirement benefit, and he or she has continued to participate in
6 the state health plan, his or her surviving spouse and dependent children shall be entitled to
7 continued coverage; to provide limitations of coverage; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
8 other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 45-18-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a right of
12 continuation of coverage for former employees, payment of premiums, establishment of
13 terms and conditions by board, and appointment as United States attorney, is amended by
14 striking in its entirety subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 "(a) (1) Any other provision of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, on and after
16 July 1, 1978, any employee who resigns from employment or who fails to be reelected
17 or who does not seek reelection to office and who at the time he or she leaves office or
18 employment has completed eight or more years of service as an employee, as defined in
19 Code Section 45-18-1, shall be entitled to continue full coverage and participation,
20 including coverage for his or her spouse and dependent children, in the health insurance
21 plan upon the payment of a monthly premium to be fixed by the board; ~~and, in addition~~
22 ~~thereto, any.~~

23 (2) Any member of the General Assembly who ceases to hold office as such at any time
24 after July 1, 1981, and who was eligible to retire at the time of leaving office, except for
25 the attainment of retirement age, pursuant to a public retirement system created by law
26 to which the General Assembly appropriates funds, and who does not withdraw employee

1 contributions from such public retirement system, shall be entitled to continue full
2 coverage and participation, including coverage for the spouse and dependent children of
3 such person, in the health insurance plan by continuing to pay to the board the monthly
4 premium which is paid by an active state employee. Should any such person die while
5 participating in the health insurance plan pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, his
6 or her spouse and dependent children shall be eligible to continue such coverage under
7 the same terms, subject to the conditions provided in subsection (d) of Code Section
8 45-18-9.

9 (3) The first monthly premium provided for in this Code section must be paid within 30
10 days following receipt of a notice of premium to be sent to such person by the board. If
11 such premium is not paid within such time limit, such insurance coverage shall be
12 canceled and such person shall not again be eligible to participate in such plan. This Code
13 section shall not affect the rights otherwise available under this article to retired
14 employees and their spouses and dependents. The board is authorized to establish terms
15 and conditions for participation which the board shall deem appropriate and which are
16 not in conflict with this Code section."

17 SECTION 2.

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