

House Bill 1494 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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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 authorize the Board of  
3 Community Health to contract with any agricultural commodity commission created pursuant  
4 to Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to provide for the inclusion  
5 in such plan of any such commission's employees and retiring employees and their spouses  
6 and dependents; to provide that the surviving spouse and dependent children of certain  
7 persons shall be entitled to continued coverage after the death of such person; to provide for  
8 terms and conditions of such coverage and inclusion; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
9 purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
13 state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by adding, following Code Section  
14 45-18-7.7, a new Code Section 45-18-7.8 to read as follows:

15 "45-18-7.8.

16 (a) Upon the death of a former member of the General Assembly covered under Code  
17 Section 45-18-10, his or her spouse and dependent children shall be eligible to continue  
18 such coverage under the same terms, subject to the conditions provided in subsection (d)  
19 of Code Section 45-18-9.

20 (b) The board is authorized to contract with any agricultural commodity commission  
21 created pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 2 for the inclusion in any health insurance plan or  
22 plans established under this article of the employees and retiring employees of any such  
23 commodity commission and their spouses and dependent children, as defined by the  
24 regulations of the board. It shall be the duty of the agricultural commodity commission to  
25 deduct from the salary or other remuneration or otherwise to collect such payment from its  
26 qualified employees, retired employees, or dependents as may be required under the

1 board's regulations. In addition, it shall be the duty of the agricultural commodity  
2 commission to make the employer contributions required for the operation of such plan or  
3 plans."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.