

House Bill 724

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-55, relating to per diem and expenses of members of county  
2 boards of education, so as to authorize the inclusion of members of such boards in certain  
3 health insurance plans; to amend Code Section 45-18-5, relating to county officers and  
4 employees' insurance and benefit plans, so as to allow county board members to participate  
5 in such plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-2-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to per diem and  
10 expenses of members of county boards of education, is amended by striking paragraph (1)  
11 of subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (1) to read as  
12 follows:

13 "(1) A local board of education is authorized to provide group medical and dental  
14 insurance for its members who elect to participate. Such insurance may be provided  
15 through a group policy secured by the local school district, a group policy secured by  
16 several local school districts, a policy secured by an organization of local school boards,  
17 ~~or by contract with the Georgia School Boards Association, Inc., under~~ in accordance  
18 with Code Section 45-18-5 providing for the inclusion of members of the local board of  
19 education and their spouses and dependents within any health insurance plan or plans  
20 established under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. A board providing such insurance  
21 shall pay no greater percentage of the cost of that insurance than the percentage of the  
22 cost paid as an employer contribution by the state for the health insurance plan for state  
23 employees pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. The remainder of such  
24 insurance costs, and all the costs of any coverage for family members, shall be paid as an  
25 employee contribution by the board member."

