

House Bill 372

By: Representatives Dodson of the 84th, Post 1, Buckner of the 109th, Mosby of the 59th, Post 3 and Stephenson of the 60th, Post 1

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to provide for financial assistance to students, postgraduate trainees, or the parents of such for programs of study in fields in which critical personnel shortages exist in the authority's service area; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, is amended by striking paragraph (25) of Code Section 31-7-75, relating to functions and powers, and inserting in its place the following:

"(25) To provide financial assistance to individuals for the purpose of obtaining educational training in nursing or another health care field if such individuals are employed by, or are on an authorized leave of absence from, such authority or have committed to be employed by such authority upon completion of such educational training; to provide grants, scholarships, loans or other assistance to such individuals and to students and parents of students for programs of study in fields in which critical shortages exist in the authority's service area, whether or not they are employees of the authority; to provide for the assumption, purchase, or cancellation of repayment of any loans, together with interest and charges thereon, made for educational purposes to students, postgraduate trainees, or the parents of such students or postgraduate trainees who have completed a program of study in a field in which critical shortages exist in the authority's service area; and to provide services and financial assistance to private not for profit organizations in the form of grants and loans, with or without interest and secured or unsecured at the discretion of such authority, for any purpose related to the provision of health or medical services or related social services to citizens;"

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- SECTION 2.
- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.