

Senate Bill 167

By: Senators Lamutt of the 21st, Golden of the 8th, Shafer of the 48th, Balfour of the 9th and Seabaugh of the 28th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 34-8-155 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 benefit experience and variations from standard rate of employer contributions during certain  
3 periods, so as to provide for an extension of the reduction in contribution rates through  
4 December 31, 2004; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 34-8-155 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to benefit  
9 experience and variations from standard rate of employer contributions during certain  
10 periods, is amended by striking subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(f)(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, contribution rates for  
12 experience rated employers for the time periods:

13 (A) January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000;

14 (B) January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2001;

15 (C) January 1, 2002, to December 31, 2002; ~~and~~

16 (D) January 1, 2003, to December 31, 2003; and

17 (E) January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2004

18 shall not be imposed above the level of 1.0 percent of statutory contribution rates.

19 (2) The Governor shall have authority to suspend by executive order any future portion  
20 of the reduction in calculated rates provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection in the  
21 event the Governor determines, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner, that  
22 suspension of said reduction is in the best interests of the State of Georgia."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
25 without such approval.

- 1 **SECTION 3.**
- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.