

Senate Bill 282

By: Senators Cheeks of the 23rd, Harp of the 16th, Tolleson of the 18th, Harbison of the 15th and Levetan of the 40th

AS PASSED SENATE

**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 provide that any person
3 otherwise eligible for coverage who declined coverage because he or she was covered under
4 a health insurance plan offered by the federal government based upon prior military service
5 may, under certain conditions, begin or resume coverage under the state health insurance
6 plan; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
10 state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the
11 following:

12 "45-18-20.

13 Any employee otherwise eligible to participate in the state health insurance plan
14 established pursuant to this article but who declined to do so because he or she was covered
15 by a federal health insurance plan by virtue of his or her prior military service may begin
16 or resume participation in the state health insurance plan, but only in the event that the
17 federal health insurance plan is abolished or amended in such a manner as to render the
18 member ineligible for coverage under such plan. Any such employee shall provide the
19 board with such evidence of eligibility under this Code section as the board deems
20 appropriate. The employee shall be entitled to commence coverage under the state health
21 insurance plan on the first day of the month following the month in which the board is
22 satisfied that the employee is so eligible."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.