

Senate Bill 419

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Johnson of the 1st, Stephens of the 51st, Balfour of the 9th and Lee of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 14 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to restitution, so as to provide that persons convicted of crimes involving physical
3 or emotional injury to their victims shall pay the medical costs of their victims including
4 psychological counseling; to provide for hearings; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 14 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 restitution, is amended by adding a new Code Section 17-14-10.1 to read as follows:

10 "17-14-10.1.

11 A person convicted of a crime which resulted in physical or emotional injury to the victim
12 shall pay restitution to the victim for all medical expenses incurred by the victim and which
13 reasonably will be incurred by the victim for treatment of the physical and emotional
14 injuries caused by the person in perpetrating the crime against the victim, including
15 expenses related to psychological counseling and treatment. The sentencing court shall
16 hold a hearing to determine the amount of such expenses prior to sentencing such person."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.