

House Bill 1202

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 85th, Post 2, Westmoreland of the 86th, Graves of the 10th, Walker of the 115th, O`Neal of the 117th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal
2 institutions in general, so as to authorize the Department of Community Health and local
3 governments to enter into agreements for state services relating to medical treatment for local
4 government jail and correctional institution inmates; 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 Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions
9 in general, is amended by adding at its end a new Code Section 42-1-14 to read as follows:
10 "42-1-14.

11 (a) The Department of Community Health and counties, municipal corporations, and
12 regional jail authorities are authorized to enter into and execute agreements relating to
13 medical treatment for inmates of county and municipal correctional facilities and jails as
14 authorized in this Code section.

15 (b) The Department of Community Health may establish a program under which necessary
16 medical treatment for inmates of county, municipal, and regional jail authority correctional
17 facilities and jails is provided by the department, purchased by the department on behalf
18 of the participating political subdivisions, or paid for in whole or in part through a policy
19 of insurance or other similar indemnity or reimbursement arrangement managed by the
20 department. The department may operate the program provided for in this Code section as
21 a part of or in conjunction with any other program operated by the department, provided
22 that funds received and disbursed for the program provided for in this Code section shall
23 be separately accounted for.

24 (c) Upon establishment of the program provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section,
25 the governing authority of any county or municipality and the board of directors of any
26 regional jail authority may enter into an agreement with the department relative to the

1 medical treatment of its inmates, on such terms as may be agreed upon by the department
2 and the participating political subdivision."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.