

Senate Bill 236

By: Senators Hudgens of the 47th and Brown of the 26th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 45-18-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 right of continuation of health coverage for a spouse or dependent of a deceased public
3 employee, right to resumption of coverage, payment of contributions, and promulgation of
4 rules and regulations as to continuance, discontinuance, and resumption of coverage, so as
5 to provide that the surviving spouse and dependents of a state employee killed while acting
6 in the scope of his or her employment shall be entitled to continue coverage under the state
7 health insurance plan under certain conditions; to provide that any person so eligible to
8 continue such coverage shall pay the same premium as an active state employee; to repeal
9 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Code Section 45-18-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the right of
13 continuation of health coverage for a spouse or dependent of a deceased public employee,
14 right to resumption of coverage, payment of contributions, and promulgation of rules and
15 regulations as to continuance, discontinuance, and resumption of coverage, is amended by
16 striking in its entirety subsection (e) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

17 "(e) If any employee of this state, regardless of his or her time in service, is killed while
18 acting within the scope of his or her employment or receives bodily injury while acting
19 within the scope of his or her employment that directly results in death thereafter, ~~eligible~~
20 ~~dependents may continue coverage, provided that:~~

21 ~~(1) The deceased employee was the primary or principal beneficiary of any contract or~~
22 ~~contracts for health insurance established under this article;~~

23 ~~(2) At the time of death, the employee included his or her eligible dependents under such~~
24 ~~contract or contracts for health insurance;~~

25 ~~(3) At the time of death, the employee maintained continuous coverage during the period~~
26 ~~between injury and death;~~

