

Senate Bill 268

By: Senator Hamrick of the 30th

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 authorize the Board of
3 Community Health to contract for the continuation of health insurance for certain persons
4 who retire as employees of community service boards and their dependents; to provide for
5 the collection and payment of contributions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 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 immediately following Code
11 Section 45-18-7.7 a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "45-18-7.8.

13 The board is authorized to contract for the continuation of coverage in any health insurance
14 plan established under this article for their employees and their eligible dependents with
15 the community service boards created by Chapter 2 of Title 37 for the inclusion of
16 employees who retire on or after July 1, 2005, with at least ten years of actual service to
17 a community service board after having attained the age of 60 years, or after 30 years of
18 actual service to a community service board regardless of age, and the spouses and
19 dependent children of such employees, as defined by the regulations of the board, in any
20 health insurance plan or plans established under this article. It shall be the duty of each
21 community service board to collect such payment from its qualified retired employees or
22 dependents as may be required under the board's regulations. In addition, it shall be the
23 duty of each community service board to make the employer contributions required for the
24 operation of such plan or plans; provided, however, that each community service board

1 shall be liable for the entire amount due without regard to whether it has received the
2 employee's share."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.