

House Bill 922

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to per  
2 diem and expenses of members of local boards of education, so as to provide for the  
3 extension of health care benefits to local board members who served for at least ten years;  
4 to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-55 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to per diem and  
9 expenses of members of local boards of education, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of  
10 subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(b)(1) A local board of education is authorized to provide group medical and dental  
12 insurance for its members who elect to participate. Such insurance may be provided  
13 through a group policy secured by the local school district, a group policy secured by  
14 several local school districts, a policy secured by an organization of local school boards,  
15 or in accordance with Code Section 45-18-5 providing for the inclusion of members of  
16 the local board of education and their spouses and dependents within any health insurance  
17 plan or plans established under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. It shall be the duty  
18 of the board to make the employer contributions required for the operation of such plan  
19 or plans. Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a board providing such  
20 insurance shall pay no greater percentage of the cost of that insurance than the percentage  
21 of the cost paid as an employer contribution by the state for the health insurance plan for  
22 state employees pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. The remainder of such  
23 insurance costs, and all the costs of any coverage for family members, shall be paid as an  
24 employee contribution by the board member. It shall be the duty of the board to deduct  
25 from the salary or other remuneration of qualified members or otherwise collect such  
26 payment from the qualified members or dependents. The local board shall be authorized

1 to extend health care benefits to any member upon his or her completion of service if  
2 such member served as a local board member for at least ten years."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

5 **SECTION 3.**

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