

Senate Bill 371 **PRE-FILE**

By: Senator Smith of the 52nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-5A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 powers, functions, duties, and composition of the Board of Community Health, so as to
3 increase such board to 11 members; to provide for the manner of appointment and
4 qualifications of the additional members; to provide for related matters; to provide an
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 31-5A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers,
9 functions, duties, and composition of the Board of Community Health, is amended by
10 striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in lieu thereof new subsections (a) and (b) to
11 read as follows:

12 "(a) There is created the Board of Community Health which shall establish the general
13 policy to be followed by the Department of Community Health. The powers, functions,
14 and duties of the Board of Medical Assistance as they existed on June 30, 1999, with
15 regard to the Department of Medical Assistance, and the powers, functions, and duties of
16 the State Personnel Board as they existed on June 30, 1999, with regard to the state health
17 benefit plan, are transferred to the Board of Community Health effective July 1, 1999. The
18 board shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the
19 Senate; provided, however, that effective July 1, 2006, the board shall be increased to 11
20 members of whom at least two shall be participants in the State Health Benefit Plan. The
21 two additional members shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.
22 One shall be an employee of a public school system in this state and one shall be a state
23 employee. The state employee member shall not be an agency head or department director.
24 (b) The Governor shall designate the initial terms of the members of the board as follows:
25 three members shall be appointed for one year; three members shall be appointed for two
26 years; and three members shall be appointed for three years. The members of the board

1 who are added on July 1, 2006, shall be appointed for terms of three years. Thereafter, all
2 succeeding appointments shall be for three-year terms from the expiration of the previous
3 term."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 For the purpose of making appointments, this Act shall become effective upon its approval
6 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. Otherwise, the Act shall
7 become effective on July 1, 2006.

8 **SECTION 3.**

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