

House Bill 1007

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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 provide that any person who
3 receives compensation pursuant to a resolution of the General Assembly relative to a claim
4 against the state for wrongful conviction approved on or after January 1, 2005, shall be
5 eligible to participate in the state employees' health insurance plan; to provide for an
6 appropriation of funds; to provide for application; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
11 state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by inserting immediately after Code
12 Section 45-18-7.7 a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "45-18-7.8.

14 (a) Any person who receives compensation pursuant to a resolution of the General
15 Assembly relative to a claim against the state for wrongful conviction approved on or after
16 January 1, 2005, shall be eligible to participate in the state employees' health insurance
17 plan.

18 (b) The commissioner shall include the entire cost of participation by any person pursuant
19 to subsection (a) of this Code section in his or her annual budget, and such costs shall be
20 paid through appropriations to the department.

21 (c) The authority granted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section may not be
22 exercised if the department determines that including such persons in the state employees'
23 health insurance plan would endanger the plan's ability to retain its exempt status under the
24 federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.