

House Bill 1058

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-18-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 continuation of optional health care plans, so as to provide that certain health care plans
3 writing optional supplemental health care insurance products for state agencies shall be
4 approved to write optional supplemental health care insurance products for all state agencies;
5 to provide that any department, agency, authority, county department of health, or local
6 board of education may receive an administrative fee or service fee for certain services; to
7 provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
8 other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 45-18-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to continuation
12 of optional health care plans, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in lieu
13 thereof a new subsection (a) and adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

14 ~~"(a) The head of each department, agency, authority, or county department of health shall~~
15 ~~have the option to determine whether or not the employees within his respective agency~~
16 ~~shall continue any~~ Any optional supplemental health care insurance program that, ~~is in~~
17 ~~operation on January 1, 1986, was in operation; was approved by any department, agency,~~
18 ~~authority, or county department of health; was written by any insurance company licensed~~
19 ~~to do business in the State of Georgia for any optional supplemental health care insurance~~
20 ~~product or coverage; was for optional supplemental health care insurance products~~
21 ~~including, but not limited to, short term disability, cancer, accident, critical illness, and life~~
22 ~~insurance; and was offered to employees of any state departments, agencies, and authorities~~
23 ~~and county departments of health shall continue to be approved for all current and future~~
24 ~~employees of all state departments, agencies, and authorities and county departments of~~
25 ~~health.~~ health. New optional employee benefit plans or any contracting with new or additional
26 insurers under existing plans that authorize the deduction or reduction of voluntarily

1 designated amounts, including insurance, from the salaries of the full-time employees must
2 be approved by the council after January 1, 1986, except that the Legislative Services
3 Committee may continue or approve any optional program for members of the General
4 Assembly and employees of the General Assembly."

5 "(d) Nothing in this Code section shall preclude any department, agency, authority, county
6 department of health, or local board of education from receiving an administrative or
7 service fee from any corporation licensed to transact business in this state as reimbursement
8 for the time and expense of administering any optional employee benefit plan."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
11 without such approval.

12 **SECTION 3.**

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