

House Bill 396

By: Representatives Channell of the 116th, Harbin of the 118th, Parrish of the 156th, and Stephens of the 164th

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 49-5-273 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 creation and operation of the PeachCare for Kids Program, so as to require the Department
3 of Community Health to contract for eligibility verification services; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 49-5-273 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the creation
8 and operation of the PeachCare for Kids Program, is amended by revising subsection (l) as
9 follows:

10 "(l) The department, through the Department of Administrative Services or any other
11 appropriate entity, may contract for any or all of the following: the collection of premiums,
12 processing of applications, ~~verification of eligibility~~, outreach, data services, and
13 evaluation, if such contracting achieves administrative or service cost efficiency. The
14 department shall enter into one or more contracts with an appropriate entity or entities for
15 the verification of eligibility for the program with regard to income verification and
16 verification of residency. The department, and other state agencies as appropriate, shall
17 provide necessary information to any entity which has contracted with the department for
18 services related to the administration of the program upon request. For purposes of
19 compliance with Code Section 34-8-125, a request by any entity which has contracted with
20 the department for services related to the administration of the program shall be deemed
21 to be a request by a responsible official of the department and considered to be a request
22 by the department."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.