

House Bill 427

By: Representatives Chambers of the 81st, Knox of the 24th, Jamieson of the 28th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and Rice of the 51st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to provide that certain records
3 of nonprofit hospitals shall be open to inspection; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to
9 read as follows:

10 "31-7-17.

11 Nonprofit hospitals licensed under this article shall be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18
12 of Title 50 with respect to open records regarding documents relating to:

13 (1) Remuneration, including salary, benefits, equity of any form, in-kind gifts or
14 services, and any other tangible or intangible item of value, received by an officer,
15 administrator, president, or chief executive officer of the hospital as compensation from
16 the hospital;

17 (2) Remuneration, including salary, benefits, equity of any form, in-kind gifts or
18 services, and any other tangible or intangible item of value, received by an officer,
19 administrator, president, or chief executive officer of the hospital from any third-party
20 entity doing business with, associated either in contract or in equity with, or representing
21 or operating on behalf of said hospital, or who represents said hospital as a fiduciary or
22 nonfiduciary in any other corporate entity or contractual alliance of any form or fashion;
23 and

24 (3) Hospital-acquired infection rates."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.