

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HB 203:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Department of Human Resources, so as to provide for the establishment of a task force to  
3 develop a plan for education on chronic kidney disease; to provide for membership and  
4 appointment of members to the task force; to provide for duties and responsibilities; to  
5 provide for reports and recommendations from such task force; to provide for related matters;  
6 to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department  
10 of Human Resources, is amended by adding a new Code section as follows:

11 "31-2-10.

12 (a) There is created within the Division of Public Health of the Department of Human  
13 Resources the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force. The task force shall be composed of  
14 22 members appointed as provided in this Code section who shall serve without  
15 compensation except for actual expenses incurred for travel on the official business of the  
16 task force not to exceed the amount of per diem allowed to members of the General  
17 Assembly. The task force shall not meet more than 10 days. Vacancies in the task force  
18 shall be filled by appointment in the manner of the original appointment.

19 (b) The commissioner of human resources, or his or her designee, shall be one member of  
20 the task force and shall serve as the chairperson. The Speaker of the House of  
21 Representatives shall appoint two members. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
22 shall appoint two members. The director of the Division of Public Health of the  
23 Department of Human Resources shall appoint two members. The commissioner of  
24 community health shall appoint two members. The Governor shall appoint an additional  
25 13 members of the task force as follows:

26 (1) Two Georgia nephrologists;

- 1 (2) A citizen of Georgia who has been diagnosed with chronic kidney disease;
  - 2 (3) A person who works for one of the major voluntary health organizations in Georgia
  - 3 which seeks to prevent kidney disease;
  - 4 (4) A representative from each of the four medical schools in Georgia;
  - 5 (5) A registered nurse who specializes in nephrology;
  - 6 (6) A licensed social worker who specializes in nephrology;
  - 7 (7) A licensed dietician;
  - 8 (8) A dialysis technician; and
  - 9 (9) A nephrology technician who represents clinical laboratories.
- 10 (c) The chairperson shall convene the first meeting of the task force before July 31, 2007.
- 11 (d) The task force shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- 12 (1) To develop a plan to educate the public and health care professionals about the
  - 13 advantages and methods of early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney
  - 14 disease and its complications based on the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative
  - 15 Clinical Practice Guidelines or other medically recognized clinical practice guidelines;
  - 16 (2) To develop a plan to educate health care professionals about early kidney
  - 17 replacement therapy education for patients, including in-center dialysis, home
  - 18 hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and vascular access options and transplantation, prior
  - 19 to the onset of kidney failure;
  - 20 (3) To make recommendations on the implementation of a cost-effective plan for early
  - 21 screening, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney disease and its complications for
  - 22 the State's population;
  - 23 (4) To provide a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly,
  - 24 the Governor, and the chairpersons of the Senate and House of Representatives Health
  - 25 and Human Services Committees no later than December 31, 2007; and
  - 26 (5) To perform such other activities as the task force finds necessary or convenient in
  - 27 order to accomplish its purposes under this Code section.
- 28 (e) The Department of Human Resources shall provide to the task force necessary staff,
- 29 research, and meeting facilities.
- 30 (f) The task force shall complete its work no later than December 31, 2007, and shall stand
- 31 abolished on January 1, 2008. This Code section shall be repealed by operation of law on
- 32 January 1, 2008."

## 33 SECTION 2.

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