

House Bill 49

By: Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parrish of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, and Cooper of the 41st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, so as to revise certain provisions relating to the
3 powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board; 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 Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia
8 Board for Physician Workforce, is amended by revising Code Section 49-10-3, relating to
9 the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board, as follows:

10 "49-10-3.

11 The board shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

12 (1) To locate and determine specific underserved areas of the state in which unmet
13 priority needs exist for physicians by monitoring and evaluating the supply and
14 distribution of physicians by specialty and geographical location;

15 (2) To approve and allocate state appropriations for family practice training programs,
16 including but not limited to fellowships in geriatrics and other areas of need as may be
17 identified by the board;

18 (3) To approve and allocate state appropriations for designated pediatric training
19 programs;

20 (4) To approve and allocate any other state funds appropriated to the Georgia Board for
21 Physician Workforce to carry out its purposes;

22 (5) To coordinate and conduct with other state, federal, and private entities, as
23 appropriate, activities to increase the number of graduating physicians who remain in
24 Georgia to practice with an emphasis on medically underserved areas of the state; ~~and~~

25 (6) To apply for grants and to solicit and accept donations, gifts, and contributions from
26 any source for the purposes of studying or engaging one or more contractors to study

27 issues relevant to medical education or implementing initiatives designed to enhance the
28 medical education infrastructure of this state and to meet the physician workforce needs
29 of Georgia communities; and
30 ~~(6)~~(7) To carry out any other functions assigned to the board by general law.”

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.