

House Bill 474

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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 increase the income  
3 eligibility limit; to provide for the maximum amount of federal financial participation; to  
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**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 subsections (a) and  
9 (i) as follows:

10 "(a) There is created the PeachCare for Kids Program to provide health care benefits for  
11 children in families with income below ~~235~~ 300 percent of the federal poverty level.  
12 Children from birth through 18 years of age in families with family incomes below ~~235~~ 300  
13 percent of the federal poverty level and who are not eligible for medical assistance under  
14 Medicaid shall be eligible for the program, to be administered by the department pursuant  
15 to federal law and subject to availability of funding."

16 "(i) The department shall file a Title XXI plan to carry out the program with the United  
17 States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
18 Services. The department shall have the authority and flexibility to make such decisions  
19 as are necessary to secure approval of that plan consistent with this article. The department  
20 shall provide a copy of the plan to the General Assembly. The department shall operate  
21 this program consistent with federal law. Further, the department is authorized to establish  
22 such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable in order to execute the state  
23 plan and to receive the maximum amount of federal financial participation available in  
24 expenditures made pursuant to the state plan, to receive performance bonuses for increasing  
25 enrollment, and to increase any other available federal funding for the program to the  
26 extent practicable."

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**SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.