## House Bill 774

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

| To amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the        |
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| Department of Human Resources, so as to provide for guidelines relating to the incidence         |
| and treatment options of autism; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and |
| for other purposes.  |
| BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:  |
| SECTION 1.   |
| Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department      |
| of Human Resources, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:                  |
| ″ <u>31-2-10.</u>  |
| The department shall develop guidelines relating to the incidence and treatment options of       |
| autism. Such guidelines shall include best practices on the identification and treatment of      |
| autism for health care professionals based on accepted studies. The department shall also        |
| establish a definition for autism and its related disorders."                                    |
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| SECTION 2.   |
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15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.