

ADOPTED

Senators Grant of the 25th, Goggans of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd and Staton of the 18th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Public Safety Committee substitute to HB 464 (LC 35 1503S) by inserting*
 2 *after "matters;" on line 5 the following:*

3 to amend Code Section 42-5-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 4 responsibilities of a governmental unit with custody of an inmate generally, costs of
 5 emergency and follow-up care, and access to medical services or hospital care for inmates,
 6 so as to provide for requirements for hospitals that provide emergency health care services
 7 to state inmates;

8 *By inserting between lines 59 and 60 the following:*

SECTION 1A.

10 Code Section 42-5-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to responsibilities
 11 of a governmental unit with custody of an inmate generally, costs of emergency and
 12 follow-up care, and access to medical services or hospital care for inmates, is amended by
 13 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

14 "(c) A hospital authority or hospital which is not a party to a contract with the Georgia
 15 Department of Corrections or its agents on July 1, 2009, shall be reimbursed no more than
 16 the applicable Georgia Medicaid rate for emergency services provided to such state inmate.
 17 For purposes of this subsection, the term 'state inmate' means any inmate for whom the
 18 Georgia Department of Corrections shall be responsible for the payment of medical care
 19 thereof. Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the Georgia Department of Corrections
 20 from negotiating higher fees or rates with health care providers. It is the intent of the
 21 General Assembly that the Georgia Department of Corrections or its agents enter into
 22 negotiations with health care providers to contract for the provision of services as provided
 23 in this Code section."