

The Senate Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee offered the following substitute to HB 107:

ADOPTED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 45-18-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 right of continuation of health coverage for a spouse or dependent of a deceased public
3 employee, so as to provide that the surviving spouse and dependents of a state employee
4 killed while acting in the scope of his or her employment shall be entitled to continue
5 coverage under the state health insurance plan under certain conditions; to provide for related
6 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

SECTION 1.

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9 Code Section 45-18-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the right of
10 continuation of health coverage for a spouse or dependent of a deceased public employee,
11 is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

12 "(e) If any employee of this state is killed while acting within the scope of his or her
13 employment or receives bodily injury while acting within the scope of his or her
14 employment that directly results in death thereafter, eligible dependents may continue
15 coverage, provided that:

16 (1) The deceased employee was the primary or principal beneficiary of any contract or
17 contracts for health insurance established under this part;

18 (2) At the time of death, the employee included his or her eligible dependents under such
19 contract or contracts for health insurance;

20 (3) At the time of death, the employee maintained continuous coverage during the period
21 between injury and death;

22 (4) The eligible dependents agree to pay the contributions to the cost of such coverage;
23 and

24 (5) The eligible dependents pay such contributions in accordance with the rules and
25 regulations promulgated and adopted by the board governing the continuance,
26 discontinuance, and resumption of coverage by such eligible dependents; provided,

27 however, that, on and after the effective date of this clause, any eligible dependents of a
28 deceased employee of this state killed in the line of duty who are receiving continued
29 coverage or who elect to continue coverage pursuant to this subsection shall be entitled
30 to continue such coverage under the health insurance plan established pursuant to this
31 part upon agreeing to pay contributions at the same rate as required for state employees
32 and in compliance with the rules and regulations governing such coverage."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
35 without such approval.

36 **SECTION 3.**

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