

House Bill 240

By: Representatives Carson of the 46th, Holt of the 112th, Black of the 174th, and Evans of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids
3 reimbursement for certain speech-language pathology services; to provide for related matters;
4 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 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 medical assistance generally, is amended by revising Code Section 49-4-156, which is
9 reserved, as follows:

10 "49-4-156.

11 (a) The department shall ensure that services provided by speech-language pathologists
12 who are clinical fellows licensed by the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
13 Pathology and Audiology pursuant to paragraph (8) of subsection (a) of Code Section
14 43-44-6 are reimbursed as medical assistance under this article or as services provided
15 pursuant to Article 13 of Chapter 5 of this title in the same amount as would be paid for
16 such services if provided by fully licensed speech-language pathologists.

17 (b) The department shall submit any necessary modifications, if applicable, to the state
18 plan for medical assistance filed pursuant to Code Section 49-4-142 in order to fulfill the
19 requirements of this Code section. Reserved."

20 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.