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House Bill 240 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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 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
- who are clinical fellows licensed by the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
- 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
- pursuant to Article 13 of Chapter 5 of this title in the same amount as would be paid for
- such services if provided by fully licensed speech-language pathologists.
- 17 (b) The department shall submit any necessary modifications, if applicable, to the state
- plan for medical assistance filed pursuant to Code Section 49-4-142 in order to fulfill the
- 19 <u>requirements of this Code section.</u> Reserved."

SECTION 2.

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.