

SENATE SUBSTITUTE HB 966:

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
 2 Department of Public Health, so as to establish within the Department of Public Health the  
 3 Alzheimer's Disease Registry; to provide for the purpose of the registry; to provide for  
 4 promulgation and criteria of rules; to provide for confidentiality of data; to provide for  
 5 compliance with P. L. 104-191, the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability  
 6 Act of 1996; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.  
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8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department  
 11 of Public Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "31-2A-16.

13 (a) There is established within the Department of Public Health the Alzheimer's Disease  
 14 Registry.

15 (b) The purpose of the registry shall be to assist in the development of public policy and  
 16 planning relative to Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The registry shall provide  
 17 a central data base of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

18 (c) The department shall establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations for the  
 19 establishment and operation of the registry. Such procedures, rules, and regulations shall  
 20 provide for:

21 (1) Collecting and evaluating data regarding the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and  
 22 related disorders in Georgia, including who shall report the data to the registry;

23 (2) Determining what information shall be maintained in the registry and the length of  
 24 time such data shall be available;

25 (3) Sharing of data for policy planning purposes;

26 (4) Disclosing nonidentifying data to support Alzheimer's and related disorder research;

27 (5) The methodology by which families and physicians of persons who are reported to  
 28 the registry shall be contacted to gather additional data; and

