

House Bill 288

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Tanner of the 9th, Epps of the 144th, Gardner of the 57th, Reeves of the 34th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 37-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, membership, meetings and obligations, so as to
3 provide for two additional members to serve on the behavioral health coordinating council;
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 Code Section 37-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral
8 Health Coordinating Council, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

9 "(a) There is created the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council. The council shall
10 consist of the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; the
11 commissioner of community health; the commissioner of public health; the commissioner
12 of human services; the commissioner of juvenile justice; the commissioner of corrections;
13 the commissioner of community affairs; the Commissioner of Labor; the State School
14 Superintendent; the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles; the executive
15 director of the Governor's Office of Student Achievement; the deputy commissioner of the
16 Workforce Division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development; the
17 ombudsman appointed pursuant to Code Section 37-2-32; an adult consumer of public
18 behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a family member of a consumer of
19 public behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a parent of a child receiving
20 public behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a member of the House of
21 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and a member
22 of the Senate, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor."

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

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.