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ADOPTED

Senator Kennedy of the 18thoffers the following amendment:

1 Amend HB 263 (LC 29 6609ER-ECS) by inserting after "duties;" on line 10 the following:

to change provisions relating to the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation

3 By inserting between lines 291 and 292 the following:

4 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended

by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 49-9-4, relating to the creation

of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, and by adding a new subsection to read

as follows:

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"(a)(1) The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency is created and established to perform the functions and assume the duties, powers, and authority exercised on June 30, 2012, by the Division of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Labor including the disability adjudication section and the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation, and such division shall be reconstituted as the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency effective July 1, 2012."

"(1) The duties, powers, and authority to manage and operate the long-term acute care and the inpatient rehabilitation hospitals at the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation shall be transferred to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia effective July 1, 2015, and the remaining duties, powers, and authority to manage and operate the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation shall remain vested with the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency."

20 **SECTION 13.**