

Senate Bill 167

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Golden of the 8th, Hooks of the 14th, Brown of the 26th and Jones of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
 2 relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to create the State Health Benefit
 3 Advisory Committee; to provide for membership; to provide for quarterly meetings; to
 4 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
 8 state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
 9 follows:

10 "45-18-21.

11 (a) There is created and established a State Health Benefit Plan Advisory Committee
 12 composed of 15 members to be appointed as follows:

13 (1) Five members shall be appointed by the Governor;

14 (2) Five members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

15 (3) Five members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

16 (b) The members of the committee shall be educators and state employees or retired
 17 educators or retired employees who are covered by the plan. All vacancies shall be filled
 18 for the unexpired term by the original appointing official. Members shall serve for terms
 19 of four years and shall be eligible for successive appointments by an appointing official.
 20 The committee shall meet quarterly.

21 (c) The members of the committee shall serve without compensation.

22 (d) The committee shall be involved in all state health benefit plan policy-making
 23 activities, including, but not limited to, plan administration, plan design, plan changes,
 24 qualitative reviews of plan service, scope of services, and networks.

25 (e) The committee shall first recommend plan changes to the Governor and the legislature
 26 and the Department of Community Health no later than December 31, 2007, and no later
 27 than December 31 annually thereafter."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.