

Senate Bill 233

By: Senator Brass of the 6th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, so as to revise the  
3 subcommittees; to extend the automatic repeal date; to provide for related matters; to provide  
4 for an effective date; 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 Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
8 Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, is amended by revising Code  
9 Section 37-1-115, relating to subcommittees, as follows:

10 "37-1-115.

11 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, the ~~The~~ chairperson of the  
12 commission shall appoint members of the following subcommittees from among the  
13 membership of the commission and may also appoint up to two other  
14 noncommission-member persons as he or she may determine to be necessary as relevant  
15 to and consistent with this article:

16 (1) Children and Adolescent Behavioral Health;

- 17 (2) Involuntary Commitment Addictive Diseases, comprising:  
 18 (A) An individual with lived experience having survived the disease of addiction who  
 19 is a certified addiction recovery specialist, appointed by the Governor;  
 20 (B) An individual who has lost a member of his or her immediate family to drug  
 21 overdose or fentanyl poisoning, appointed by the President of the Senate; and  
 22 (C) A professional who is an executive director of an accredited Georgia nonprofit  
 23 organization focused on addiction and recovery, appointed by the Speaker of the House  
 24 of Representatives;  
 25 (3) Hospital and Short-Term Care Facilities;  
 26 (4) Mental Health Courts and Corrections; and  
 27 (5) ~~Workforce and System Development~~ Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,  
 28 comprising:  
 29 (A) An intellectual and developmental disabilities provider, appointed by the  
 30 Governor;  
 31 (B) A leader of an intellectual and developmental disabilities advocacy organization,  
 32 appointed by the President of the Senate; and  
 33 (C) The parent of an individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities or an  
 34 individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities, appointed by the Speaker  
 35 of the House of Representatives.  
 36 (b) The chairperson, at his or her discretion, may designate and appoint other  
 37 subcommittees from among the membership of the commission and may also appoint up  
 38 to two other noncommission-member persons as he or she may determine to be necessary  
 39 as relevant to and consistent with this article."

40 **SECTION 2.**

41 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 37-1-116, relating to abolishment  
 42 and termination, as follows:

43 "37-1-116.

44 The commission shall be abolished and this article shall stand repealed on ~~June 30, 2025~~  
45 December 31, 2026."

46 **SECTION 3.**

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

49 **SECTION 4.**

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