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Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd offered the following amendment #1:

1 *Amend HB 185 (LC 52 0820S) by replacing line 2 with the following:*

2 businesses, so as to provide for improvements and clarity in licensing certain healthcare
3 providers; to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to provide

4 *By replacing line 17 with the following:*

5 respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to amend Title 43 of the
6 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide
7 for the Georgia Composite Medical Board to implement an automated licensing system for
8 certain healthcare providers in this state; to provide for requirements; to provide for related
9 matters;

10 *By inserting between lines 1500 and 1501 the following:*

11 *Licensing credentialing system*

12 **SECTION 3-1.**

13 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
14 is amended in Code Section 43-34-6, relating to Georgia Composite Medical Board as an
15 independent agency, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

16 "(k) No later than October 1, 2025, the board shall implement a data management software
17 system to streamline and automate the licensing process for physicians, physician
18 assistants, and anesthesiologist assistants. No later than January 1, 2026, such system shall
19 be fully operational for other healthcare providers licensed by the board.

20 (l) The system provided for in subsection (k) of this Code section may:

- 21 (1) Organize, verify, and store the licenses of healthcare providers, allowing for a single
22 verification process that results in authorization state wide, provided that a healthcare
23 facility, licensee, or applicant inputs the credentialing information and agrees to such
24 authorization;
- 25 (2) If available, be customizable so that a healthcare facility can add requirements to
26 meet such facility's rules, regulations, or bylaws;
- 27 (3) Provide a public facing page that is easily and securely accessible by other state
28 medical boards, healthcare providers, and healthcare facilities;
- 29 (4) Notify any individual submitting credentials into such system when his or her
30 application is deficient, what such deficiency is, and when such application is complete;
- 31 (5) Process complete applications within 30 days and process reappointments within two
32 weeks;
- 33 (6) Provide for the registration of nurse protocol agreements for advanced practice
34 registered nurses and job descriptions for licensed physician assistants and
35 anesthesiologist assistants;
- 36 (7) Allow any healthcare facility to accept the information for licensing as acceptance
37 for credentialing and any healthcare provider to add additional requirements for
38 credentialing in their facility; and
- 39 (8) Perform any other functions the board deems necessary to improve licensing
40 processes under this chapter."

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PART IV

42 *By redesignating Sections 3-1 and 3-2 as Sections 4-1 and 4-2, respectively.*