

House Bill 1096 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Sharper of the 177th, O'Steen of the 169th, and Cooper of the 45th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide
3 that if certain employees of a county board of health become employees of such department
4 such employees will retain accrued annual and sick leave; to provide that such employees
5 shall retain seniority for purposes of graduated leave accrual; to authorize rules and
6 regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, is amended by adding a new
11 Code section to read as follows:

12 "31-2A-3.1.

13 (a) Any employee of a county board of health who is a member of the retirement system
14 provided for in Chapter 2 of Title 47, who is considered a state employee only for the
15 purpose of membership in such retirement system, and who becomes an employee of the
16 department, with no break between such positions of employment, shall retain accrued

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17 annual and sick leave possessed by such employee and shall retain seniority for purposes
18 of graduated leave accrual. No employee shall be paid accrued leave by the county board
19 of health when transitioning to state employment.
20 (b) The State Personnel Board is authorized to promulgate, amend, or repeal rules and
21 regulations for the implementation of this Code section."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.