

Senate Bill 528

By: Senators Robertson of the 29th, Dixon of the 45th, Brass of the 6th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hickman of the 4th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 insurance generally, so as to require health benefit plans, policies, or contracts executed by
3 the state to cover medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their
4 materials and components; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide
5 for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance
9 generally, is amended in Code Section 33-24-59.35, relating to required coverage orthotic
10 devices and prosthetic devices, reporting, and regulation, by revising paragraph (3) of
11 subsection (a) as follows:

12 "(3) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for
13 healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state by an
14 insurer that provides major medical benefits. ~~Such~~ On or after January 1, 2027, such term
15 shall ~~not~~ include any plans, policies, or contracts executed by the state to provide
16 healthcare coverage on behalf of state employees, public school teachers and employees,
17 and members and employees of the Board of Regents of the University System of

18 ~~Georgia and their retirees and dependents under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, and~~
19 ~~shall not apply to the provision of healthcare services pursuant to a contract entered into~~
20 ~~by an insurer and the Department of Community Health for recipients of Medicaid. Such~~
21 ~~term shall not include self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans subject to~~
22 ~~the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of~~
23 ~~1974, as codified and amended at 29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq."~~

24 **SECTION 2.**

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

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.