

ADOPTED

Senator Albers of the 56th offered the following amendment #1:

1 *Amend HB 1295 (LC 46 1472S) by replacing "an effective date" on line 12 with the*
2 *following:*

3 for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds

4 *By inserting after "check" on line 29 the following:*

5 *, as provided for in Code Section 43-34-103.1,*

6 *By replacing lines 67 through 88 with the following:*

7 *required if the physician assistant is an employee of the state or a county government."*

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "43-34-103.1.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Applicant' means an individual applying to be licensed as a physician assistant in this
13 state.

14 (2) 'GCIC' means the Georgia Crime Information Center established under Article 2 of
15 Chapter 3 of Title 35.

16 (b) The board is authorized to conduct and receive criminal background checks by the
17 submission of fingerprints or other identifying information to the Federal Bureau of
18 Investigation through GCIC.

19 (c) In order to determine an applicant's suitability as a physician assistant, the board shall
20 require such applicant to furnish the board with a full set of fingerprints or other identifying
21 information to enable criminal background checks to be conducted.

22 (d) The board shall submit the fingerprints or other identifying information furnished by
23 an applicant to GCIC. GCIC is authorized to submit such fingerprints or information to the
24 Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal background check.

25 (e) GCIC shall notify the board in writing of its findings, including the inability to identify
26 a criminal record. All findings received by the board shall be used for the exclusive
27 purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this Code section, shall not be a public
28 record, shall be confidential, and shall not be disclosed to any other person or agency,
29 except to any person or agency which otherwise has a legal right to inspect such data. Any
30 records obtained in furtherance of this Code section shall be maintained by the board
31 pursuant to laws regarding such records and the rules and regulations of the Federal Bureau
32 of Investigation and GCIC, as applicable.

33 (f) By applying for a license under this article, an applicant consents to the performance
34 of criminal background checks as provided for in this Code section. The applicant shall
35 be responsible for any fees associated with the performance of such background checks."

36 *By replacing line 839 with the following:*

37 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027, only if funds are specifically appropriated
38 for the purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly.

39 *By redesignating Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 as Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively.*