

House Bill 1003

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to health insurance plans for public school teachers and other public
3 school personnel, and Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of
4 Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan and
5 post-employment health benefit fund, so as to prohibit the Board of Community Health from
6 entering into or renewing a contract for the state health benefit plan with qualified entities
7 under specific conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and
8 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
12 relating to health insurance plans for public school teachers and other public school
13 personnel, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-884, relating to
14 contracts for benefits or self-insurance authorized, reinsurance, and certificates of coverage
15 for public school teachers, to read as follows:

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16 "(f) The board is prohibited from entering into or renewing any contract with an otherwise
17 qualified entity to provide, administer, maintain, service, or reinsure, in whole or in part,
18 a health insurance plan provided for under this Code section if the insurer has either
19 terminated early without cause or forced a renegotiation of an unexpired contract with a
20 Georgia-based hospital or healthcare system within the prior 24 months, unless the
21 qualified entity is the only available qualified entity."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said part is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-914, relating
24 to contracts for benefits or self-insurance authorized, reinsurance, and certificates of
25 coverage for public school employees, to read as follows:

26 "(e) The board is prohibited from entering into or renewing any contract with an otherwise
27 qualified entity to provide, administer, maintain, service, or reinsure, in whole or in part,
28 a health insurance plan provided for under this Code section if the insurer has either
29 terminated early without cause or forced a renegotiation of an unexpired contract with a
30 Georgia-based hospital or healthcare system within the prior 24 months, unless the
31 qualified entity is the only available qualified entity."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
34 relating to the state employees' health insurance plan and post-employment health benefit
35 fund, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 45-18-6, relating to contracts
36 to provide insurance benefits, invitation of proposals, reinsurance agreements, issuance of
37 certificates of coverage, redetermination of contracts, self-insurance plans, contracts for
38 administrative services, and contracts with health maintenance organizations for health
39 insurance plans for state employees, to read as follows:

40 "(e) The board is prohibited from entering into or renewing any contract with an otherwise
41 qualified entity to provide, administer, maintain, service, or reinsure, in whole or in part,
42 a health insurance plan provided for under this Code section if the insurer has either
43 terminated early without cause or forced a renegotiation of an unexpired contract with a
44 Georgia-based hospital or healthcare system within the prior 24 months, unless the
45 qualified entity is the only available qualified entity."

46 **SECTION 4.**

47 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
48 without such approval and shall apply to all contracts entered into or renewed in this state on
49 or after such date.

50 **SECTION 5.**

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