

House Bill 219

By: Representatives Robichaux of the 48th, Jackson of the 64th, Schofield of the 60th, Bazemore of the 63rd, Kendrick of the 93rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions applicable to the General Assembly, so as to provide for a pilot program
3 to evaluate whether health notes to assess the potential health impact by proposed legislation
4 should be required by the General Assembly; to provide for a definition; to provide for
5 recommendations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for other related matters; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
10 provisions applicable to the General Assembly, is amended by adding a new Code section
11 to read as follows:

12 "28-1-18.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'health note' means a written analysis of
14 proposed legislation to determine potential health impacts on individuals' health, health
15 care providers, the health care system, and public health programs and initiatives.

- 16 (b) The Office of Planning and Budget in conjunction with the Department of Community
17 Health shall establish a pilot program to evaluate whether health notes on proposed
18 legislation will provide benefit to the General Assembly and the public. The pilot program
19 shall evaluate the value and utility of health notes, the cost to produce such health notes,
20 and the timeliness of producing health notes. In addition, the pilot program should evaluate
21 which public, private, academic, nonprofit, policy, or other organizations or entities should
22 be consulted or identified to assist in producing health notes. The pilot program shall be
23 conducted leading up to and during the 2022 regular session of the General Assembly.
24 (c) No later than December 1, 2022, the Office of Planning and Budget and the
25 Department of Community Health shall jointly make recommendations to the General
26 Assembly as to whether health notes should be required, optional, or not utilized, and if
27 required or optional, which organizations or entities should be participants.
28 (d) This Code section shall stand repealed by operation of law on December 31, 2022."

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SECTION 2.

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