

House Bill 501

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-7-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 health care data system established and departmental authority, so as to remove the authority  
3 of the Department of Community Health to use existing data collection systems in  
4 establishing and operating a state-wide health care data system; to provide for related  
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 31-7-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health care  
9 data system established and departmental authority, is amended by revising the Code section  
10 as follows:

11 "31-7-281.

12 (a) The department shall be required to establish and operate a state-wide health care data  
13 system to collect, compile, analyze, and disseminate data collected pursuant to this article  
14 from health care providers and other specified entities.

15 (b) The department shall be authorized to execute contracts or establish written agreements  
16 for the purpose of avoiding duplication of data collected pursuant to this article.

17 ~~(c) Where an existing data collection system meets the collection requirements of the~~  
18 ~~department pursuant to this article, the department shall utilize such existing system when~~  
19 ~~the significant elements of such data are collected, provided that such system meets the~~  
20 ~~requirements of the department pursuant to this article and is available, without undue~~  
21 ~~restrictions, to the department. For purposes of this subsection, reimbursement from the~~  
22 ~~department for the costs incurred by such existing system in collecting this data shall not~~  
23 ~~be considered an undue restriction~~ Reserved.

24 (d) The department shall have complete authority over any data collection functions  
25 performed pursuant to this article and shall be authorized to perform such data analyses as  
26 shall, in its discretion, be required.

27 (e) The department shall establish a system to review and audit selected report data which  
28 contain the information listed in subsection (c) of Code Section 31-7-280 and which are  
29 collected other than by the department."

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**SECTION 2.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.