

Senate Bill 328

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Davenport of the 44th, Sims of the 12th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-18-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 authority to establish state employees' health insurance plan, rules and regulations, general
3 provisions of plan, and coverage for retiring and retired employees, so as to require the Board
4 of Community Health to contract with at least two vendors to provide health insurance
5 benefits under the state employees' health insurance plan; to provide for an effective date;
6 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Code Section 45-18-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authority to
10 establish state employees' health insurance plan, rules and regulations, general provisions of
11 plan, and coverage for retiring or retired employees, is amended by adding a new subsection
12 to read as follows:

13 "(c)(1) The board shall contract with at least two vendors for the purpose of providing
14 at least two health care benefits plans to persons eligible for health insurance coverage
15 under this part.

16 (2) This subsection shall not be construed to impair any contracts existing on the
17 effective date of this subsection; provided, however, that paragraph (1) of this subsection
18 shall be implemented at the first available opportunity, such as the expiration of an
19 existing contract, the end of a contract year under an existing contract, or the termination
20 of a contract pursuant to court order or in accordance with the terms of the contract."

21 SECTION 2.

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

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SECTION 3.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.