

House Bill 66

By: Representatives Thomas of the 65th and Lim of the 98th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Public Health, so as to provide for the establishment of a grant program to
3 provide funding for liability insurance premiums for physicians and nurse practitioners under
4 certain conditions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for rules and
5 regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
9 of Public Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "31-2A-19.

11 (a) Subject to appropriations, the department shall establish a grant program, to be known
12 as the Georgia Clinician Tier Recognition Health Initiatives Program, to provide funding
13 for liability insurance premiums for physicians and nurse practitioners who meet the
14 eligibility requirements in this Code section and as established by the department.

15 (b) To be eligible to receive funding under the grant program, a physician or nurse
16 practitioner shall be in good standing and licensed to practice in this state and shall:

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- 17 (1) Provide healthcare for patients with high glucose, high cholesterol, high blood
18 pressure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and medical conditions resulting from
19 tobacco use; and
- 20 (2) Conduct or participate in two community health events per year providing free
21 healthcare or healthcare information to uninsured or underinsured patients. Such health
22 events may include education awareness events, health fairs, or free screening events.
- 23 (c) The department shall establish rules and regulations to implement the grant program
24 established pursuant to this Code section."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.