

Senate Bill 427

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th, James of the 35th,  
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to insurance generally, so as to provide that certain qualified health plans that do not  
3 provide abortion coverage shall offer supplemental optional coverage for abortion services  
4 if the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest; to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of  
5 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health  
6 insurance plan, so as to provide that a health insurance plan for employees of the state may  
7 offer certain abortion services; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;  
8 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

10 Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
11 insurance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "33-24-59.17.

13 Any qualified health plan offered within the State of Georgia through a state law, federal  
14 law, or regulation or exchange created by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable  
15 Care Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-148), as amended by the federal Health Care and  
16 Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152), and regulations or guidance  
17 issued under those acts, which does not provide abortion coverage if the pregnancy is the  
18 result of rape or incest shall offer supplemental coverage for abortion services at an  
19 additional cost to the insured."  
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**SECTION 2.**

21 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
22 relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by revising subsection (a)  
23 of Code Section 45-18-2, relating to the board's authority to establish health insurance plan,  
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25 rules and regulations, provisions of plan generally, and coverage for retiring or retired  
26 employees, as follows:

27 "(a) The board is authorized to establish a health insurance plan for employees of the state  
28 and to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for its administration, subject to the  
29 limitations contained in this part. The health insurance plan may provide for group  
30 hospitalization and surgical and medical insurance against the financial costs of  
31 hospitalization, surgery, and medical treatment and care and may also include, among other  
32 things, prescribed drugs, medicines, prosthetic appliances, hospital inpatient and outpatient  
33 service benefits, abortion services if the pregnancy is the result of incest, dental benefits,  
34 vision care benefits, and medical expense indemnity benefits, including major medical  
35 benefits."

36 **SECTION 3.**

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

39 **SECTION 4.**

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