

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 1037:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2A of Title 31, Chapter 16 of Title 40, and Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the
2 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, the
3 Department of Driver Services, and public property relative to state government,
4 respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by creating one commission and
5 repealing provisions relating to two inactive groups; to create the Georgia Commission on
6 Maternal and Infant Health; to provide for its composition, membership, duties, and
7 responsibilities; to provide for a definition; to provide for funding; to provide for automatic
8 repeal; to repeal provisions establishing the Governor's Commercial Transportation Advisory
9 Committee; to repeal provisions creating the Commission on the Preservation of the State
10 Capitol; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**
13 Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
14 of Public Health, is amended in Article 1, relating to general provisions, by revising Code
15 Section 31-2A-12, which is reserved, as follows:

16 "31-2A-12.

17 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'perinatal care' means maternal and infant health
18 improvement services and ancillary services that are appropriate for women and infants
19 during the perinatal period, which begins before conception and ends on the infant's first
20 birthday.

21 (b) There is created the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant Health to be assigned
22 to the Department of Public Health for administrative purposes only as prescribed in Code
23 Section 50-4-3. The commission shall consist of 14 members, who shall be appointed as
24 follows:

25 (1) Six members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall include among
26 his or her appointees an obstetrician, either a pediatrician or neonatologist, a nurse
27 midwife, either a family practice or general practice physician, and a representative of a
28 perinatal facility;

29 (2) Three members of the Senate shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor,
30 provided that at least one member shall be of the minority party; and

31 (3) Three members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker
32 of the House of Representatives, provided that at least one member shall be of the
33 minority party.

34 The commissioner or his or her designee and the chief executive officer of the Georgia
35 Research Alliance or his or her designee shall serve as members of the commission. The
36 Governor shall appoint one member to serve as the chairperson of the commission.

37 (c) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall
38 be allowed actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their duties. Any
39 legislative members of the council shall receive the allowances provided for in Code
40 Section 28-1-8. Citizen members shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem
41 and travel expenses as provided in Code Section 45-7-21.

- 42 (d) The commission shall meet at least four times per year at the call of the chairperson or
43 upon the request of at least seven of its members.
- 44 (e) The commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- 45 (1) To solicit the views of perinatal facilities, healthcare providers, and related
46 professional associations on the state of perinatal care in Georgia and give due
47 consideration to the current recommendations of medical and scientific organizations in
48 the field of perinatal care;
- 49 (2) To make policy recommendations regarding programs of perinatal care with local
50 communities, their physicians and perinatal facilities, and the general public;
- 51 (3) To establish indices to measure the quality and determine the effectiveness of
52 perinatal care in Georgia;
- 53 (4) To make available to the public the records of all meetings of the commission and
54 all business transacted by the commission;
- 55 (5) To employ such staff and to enter into such contracts as may be necessary to fulfill
56 its duties and responsibilities under this chapter subject to funding by the General
57 Assembly;
- 58 (6) To consult with and advise the department on matters related to the establishment,
59 maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of perinatal care initiatives in this state;
60 and
- 61 (7) To make state-wide policy recommendations based on its findings.
- 62 (f) The commission may request additional funding from any additional source including,
63 but not limited to, federal and private grants.
- 64 (g) No later than June 30, 2026, the commission shall submit a detailed written report on
65 its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.
- 66 (h) This Code section shall stand automatically repealed on July 1, 2026. Reserved."

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SECTION 2.

68 Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
69 of Driver Services, is amended by repealing Code 40-16-8, relating to the Governor's
70 Commercial Transportation Advisory Committee, and designating said Code section as
71 reserved.

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SECTION 3.

73 Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public property
74 relative to state government, is amended by repealing Code Section 50-16-5.1, relating to the
75 Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol.

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SECTION 4.

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