

House Resolution 1382

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Mitchell of the 88th, Bentley of the 139th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Department of Community Health to create and seek the counsel of a State
2 Health Benefit Plan Customer Advisory Council; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Department of Community Health would benefit from creating an advisory
4 panel composed of customers of the state health benefit plan to advise the commissioner of
5 community health on components, provisions, elements, strategies, marketing, and customer
6 satisfaction of the state health benefit plan; and

7 WHEREAS, such State Health Benefit Plan Customer Advisory Council should be composed
8 of 12 uncompensated members, all of whom are participants in the state health benefit plan
9 and each of whom is an active or retired member of the Employees' Retirement System of
10 Georgia or the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, at least three members should be retired members of the Teachers Retirement
12 System of Georgia, and at least two members should be retired members of the Employees'
13 Retirement System of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, each member of the council should be appointed by the commissioner from
15 nominations provided by nonprofit associations and the human resource units of each state
16 department which represents at least 1,000 members of the state health benefit plan; and

17 WHEREAS, the commissioner should meet with the council to solicit input and consult with
18 its members in the development of changes to the state health benefit plan prior to approval
19 of any such changes by the Board of Community Health; and

20 WHEREAS, the commissioner should present implementation strategies and logistics to such
21 council for advice prior to the adoption and implementation of such strategies and logistics;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the commissioner should solicit councilmembers' organizations in informing
24 and educating active and retired state health benefit plan participants of changes in such plans
25 or other issues prior to the adoption of such changes by the board; and

26 WHEREAS, the commissioner should provide the council with all departmental state health
27 benefit plan recommendations to be made to the board and should provide the council
28 chairperson the opportunity on behalf of the council to make comments to the board prior to
29 the board taking action on such recommendations.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body encourage the Department of Community Health to create and seek
32 the counsel of a State Health Benefit Plan Customer Advisory Council.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 Governor Nathan Deal and Commissioner Clyde L. Reese III of the Department of
36 Community Health.