

House Bill 246 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions for the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center
3 Authority, so as to provide that the authority shall have the power to provide benefit
4 programs to its officers, employees, and other agents, including a retirement plan and a group
5 insurance plan; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia
6 Annotated, relating to the Employee Benefit Plan Council, so as to extend the option to elect
7 coverage in the program to the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 general provisions for the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority, is
13 amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 10-9-4, relating to
14 authority powers, as follows:

15 "(4) To elect, appoint, or hire officers, employees, and other agents of the authority,
16 including experts and fiscal agents, define their duties, and fix their compensation, and
17 establish a flexible employee benefit plan for authority employees which may include
18 those flexible employee benefits described in Code Section 45-18-52;"

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 45-18-54, relating to continuation
21 of optional plans, approval of optional plans, or contracting with new or additional insurers,
22 by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

23 "(d) The Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority shall have the option
24 to irrevocably elect or reject coverage for employees of the authority in this program no
25 later than June 30, 2014. New optional employee benefit plans or any contracting with new

26 or additional insurers under existing plans that authorize the deduction or reduction of
27 voluntarily designated amounts, including insurance, from the salaries of the full-time
28 employees must be approved by the council. If the authority elects to participate in the
29 coverage under this plan, it shall be assessed a pro rata share of the cost of administering
30 the plan."

31 **SECTION 3.**

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